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## UNDERGROUND

GROUP OF RED RAIDERS CREATES LOCAL FILM, THEATER COMPANY



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TOP: ELIZABETH YANCEY, left, a sophomore general studies major from Odessa, restrains Grayson Bradshaw, a freshman Theater/English Major from Midland, from attacking Andrew Campbell, a junior theater major from, and Crash Buist, a junior acting major from Mason, during a rehearsal for the Fall Underground One Act Play Spectacular on Monday at the Hispanic Cultural Center.  
BOTTOM: FROM LEFT, Stephen McClure, a junior acting major from Midland; Andrew Campbell, a junior theatre major from Odessa; and Crash Buist, a junior acting major from Mason, rehearse for the Lubbock Underground Theatre and Film Fall Underground One Act Play Spectacular on Monday in the Hispanic Cultural Center. The One Act Play Spectacular will run from Dec. 10-12.

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

For the purpose of creating original productions whenever, and wherever, they wanted to, a group of Red Raiders created the Lubbock Underground Theatre and Film.

Described by the company's artistic director, Crash Buist, as simply devoted to "doing good theater," it involves plays written and performed by Texas Tech students. The group performs its series of one-act plays Friday through Sunday.

Members of the company include Buist, a theater major from Mason, as the mastermind behind the group's creation. He said he was at an acting workshop with a friend when inspiration struck him.

"I was in the middle of this workshop when I got the idea," he said. "It seemed simple, and it seemed like something I needed to do."

Once he had the idea, Buist

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went to work on creating the company, enlisting his friends and fellow actors to help him out. LUTAF consists of seven board members, but as far as membership goes, the group is open to both students and non-students.

LUTAF is not a registered Tech organization, just a group organized by Tech students and for Tech students.

It is also a good way for Tech theater majors to get involved in a production if they were unable to be involved with a Tech production, Buist said.

"We know there is a lot of competition in the Tech theater department," he said. "So this is also a good opportunity for students to still be a part of theater."

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## Experience is key factor in Montford's new role as regent

Wife of former chancellor: 'I will do what I can to be helpful'

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

After being appointed to the Texas Tech Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry nearly three weeks ago, Debbie Montford has been taking the necessary steps to prepare for her new role as an integral and influential board member at the university.

Montford said she is excited about filling her new position and becoming a part of the Red Raider society once again.

"I am very honored and humbled to have been chosen to fill such an important role with the university," she said. "I've got up to speed with what's going on at the university, and I will do what I can to be helpful."

Montford previously held the position of first lady when her

husband John served as Tech chancellor from 1996 through 2001.

As first lady, Montford said, her efforts went toward beautifying the Tech campus.

"It has been one of my greatest loves, changing the way we look at campus beautification," she said.

"I was innovative in getting 1 percent of construction efforts toward beautifying the campus; it may not be the most important thing, but after speaking to many students and parents, it was definitely something they wanted to see."

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## Tech student athletes show off other talents

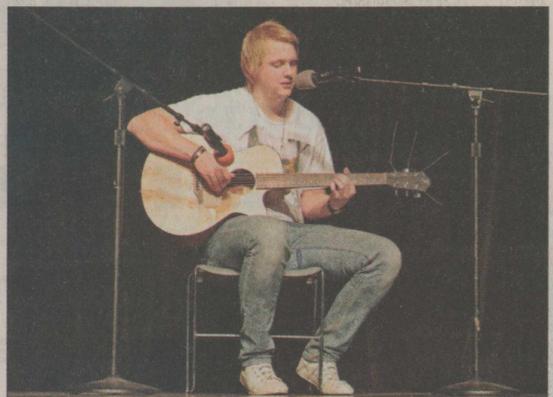


PHOTO COURTESY OF TECH ATHLETICS  
TEXAS TECH GOLFER Erik Grahn performs during the Tech Student-Athlete Talent Show on Monday. Grahn was crowned the winner for his performance of "Save Him" by Justin Nozuka.

## Profits from annual event benefit Special Olympics

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

Hitting long drives and sinking putts is what freshman Erik Grahn is known for by his golf teammates, but during Monday night's Tech Student Athlete Talent Show, he won the crowd and judges over with his performance of "Save Him," by Justin Nozuka.

By night's end, Grahn was named the winner of the talent show, but he said it was not about winning, but more

for the cause the show was benefiting. "First of all, the main thing is not about winning, or at least I don't think so," Grahn said. "This event is for a great cause, for Special Olympics."

All the money raised at the talent show will go directly to Special Olympics' Texas division.

Parents, family and friends slowly filled the Allen Theatre to watch Tech athletes exhibit the talents they possess away from their respective sports.

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## AFROTC, Salvation Army program benefits children

### Angel Tree encourages donations to children

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

The mass communications building looks a little more festive than most. It's not only decorated on the outside, but in one of its busier corridors, there's a tree.

The Air Force ROTC coordinates a program with the Salvation Army yearly in which underprivileged children make wish lists on ornaments. The ornaments are placed on the tree, and then students, faculty and staff can choose one, purchase the items for the child and return them to the designated box.

Staff Sgt. Ja'meo James chose the name of a 1-year-old boy off the tree. He said he was moved that the wish list wasn't toys but instead, diapers.

"A lot of the kids have parents in jail or who



PHOTOS BY BRENT SORELLE/The Daily Toreador  
THE ANGEL TREE provides opportunities for people to purchase gifts for underprivileged children whose wish lists are posted on the ornaments hanging on the tree.

can't afford it. I don't know if they've ever woken up and had no gifts, but it sucks," James said. "We're just trying to do something to help."

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

**Tech Men's Basketball vs. TCU**  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Where: United Spirit Arena

**Santa Land Opens**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Where: East Broadway entrance to Mackenzie Park  
So, what is it?  
The 54th annual Santa Land will light up Lubbock with Christmas trees, including one 60 feet tall, singing and Santa and Mrs. Claus. It will be open nightly through Dec. 23.

### THURSDAY

**Artist's Talk and Book Signing with Mary Ludington**  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Museum of Texas Tech  
So, what is it?  
Mary Ludington will discuss her works from her exhibit "The Nature of Dogs: Photographs by Mary Ludington" accompanied by a book signing. Free admission and reception.

**Finals Breakfast Dinner**  
Time: 10 p.m.  
Where: St. Elizabeth's Catholic

To make a calendar submission e-mail [features@dailytoreador.com](mailto:features@dailytoreador.com).

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

## WikiLeaks founder jailed with no bail in sexual assault case

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was arrested and jailed without bail Tuesday in a sex-crimes investigation, but his organization scarcely missed a beat, releasing a new batch of the secret cables that U.S. officials say are damaging America's security and relations worldwide.

A month after dropping out of public view, the 39-year-old Australian surrendered to Scotland Yard to answer a warrant issued for his arrest by Sweden.

Church, Hanley Hall  
So, what is it?  
Celebrate the end of a day of studies (or fun) with breakfast for dinner. It's free!

### FRIDAY

**Candlelight at the Ranch**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Where: National Ranching and Heritage Center  
So, what is it?  
Come out to the National Ranching Heritage Center's 32nd annual event to experience a unique ranching celebration in preparation for the holiday. Admission is free and open to all.

**Ballet Lubbock presents "The Nutcracker"**  
Time: Varies — check [www.balletlubbock.org](http://www.balletlubbock.org) for specific times  
Where: Lubbock Civic Center Theatre  
So, what is it?  
Kick off your holiday season with a magical tradition like no other. With more than 150 costumed dancers and a live orchestra, the show makes for a perfect way to prepare for the holidays. Performances run through Dec. 12. Tickets are available through Select-A-Seat at 806-770-2000.

## STYLISH STATUE



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
SADDLE TRAMPS DARRAGH Smith, left, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Aberdeen, Scotland, and Truitt Cross, a junior electronic media and communications major from Denton, wrap the Will Rogers statue for the upcoming men's and women's basketball games.

## Regent

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The previous experience with the university, Montford said, will be very helpful as she takes on the new duties and responsibilities associated with being a regent.

"I know a lot of people at Tech, and I know how the system works," she said. "Academics is a whole different ballgame

than that of a corporation; it's important to understand the difference."

The role of regent will become more and more important as the university becomes larger and more prominent, Montford said.

"I certainly know the importance of the position, and I will take the task and responsibility very seriously," she said. "I will listen to administration as far as goals go, as well as listen for

student input; this is all important as the system moves toward tier-one status."

Montford will soon go through orientation with the other regents, cementing her spot on the board.

"Being a regent will be totally different," she said. "I just look forward to get more involved with the university. It presents a unique opportunity that allows me to give back to the university in a different way."

The process of becoming a regent always takes more time than people expect, said Tech President Guy Bailey, but Debbie's experience will make the transitions much smoother.

"She has been very instrumental in the overall look of the campus, taking charge of the beautification process," he said. "I think she will do a great job, and I really look forward to working with her."

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## Program

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Running from last Wednesday to next Friday, the goal is to help 100 children, 50 boys and 50 girls. James said faculty and students have already picked out about 70 of the "ornaments."

"It's something we couldn't do without the support of the school," he said.

Of the 100 children, Tech Sgt. Diane Havar said, a few won't get anything. Sometimes "angels" forget, and the Salvation Army has to pick up the slack so no child will have to go without.

Generally, it goes smoothly,

she said, and after just four days, gifts are already coming in.

Though she hasn't gotten anything yet for the child she selected, Havar said she was excited to pick out the gifts.

"I have a girl who just wants hair bows," Havar said. "What a simple request; it's sad she has to ask for them."

Havar said she encouraged people who were willing to participate.

"Please," she said, "make someone's Christmas."

Both the wish lists and the return box for gifts can be found outside the advising offices in the mass communications building.

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LUTAF hosted its inaugural performance last spring. The production was a series of six all-original one-act plays and took place in a backyard. Advertising director Travis Baker said the company prefers to use non-traditional theater spaces for their productions.

"We want to keep LUTAF underground," he said. "So we don't really want to work in actual theater spaces; we prefer this."

The "this" he refers to is the old firehouse in which the company's current production will be held. The firehouse, which is on 3rd Street near University and Marsha Sharp, caddy-corner from Jones AT&T Stadium, is currently the Hispanic Cultural Center. Baker said finding their new venue was just pure luck.

"A friend knew a guy who knew a guy, and that's how we came across this," he said. "It really did just fall into our laps." Not all aspects of getting the company together have been that easy, however. With six different plays, all original, written by the members of the company, and most of the members being involved in several different plays, the stress can add up. Things can get hectic, but Buist said it's always worth it.

"It is always difficult, and things come up," he said. "But that's part of the fun. You just have to work it all out."

Finding actors for the production wasn't very difficult. The company held open auditions and got the word out by word of mouth and, of course, Facebook. One actor, Andrew Campbell, a junior theater major from San Antonio is acting in three plays. Campbell decided to join the group because it seemed like something that would give him experience.

"I just thought it would be

cool to perform some of our own work," he said. "I didn't think it would become what it has, and it's awesome."

Working in three plays has proved to be quite a feat, so Campbell is pretty hesitant to put this much on his plate again.

"It is a lot of work; I am enjoying myself, but it's a lot," he said. "With finals going on, it can get overwhelming, but it's fun."

*"This is the work of your peers. This is not like other theater. These are plays you would want to see."*

**CRASH BUIST**  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
LUTAF

The company knows its survival is based on its audience, so they try to perform shows they know their audience will enjoy. All the plays are written, directed and acted by the company.

They also warn against bringing children.

"It's PG-13," Baker said. "It's fun theater, but don't come with reservations."

Buist reiterated the work being performed is the passion of the company.

"This is the work of your peers," he said. "This is not like other theater. These are plays you would want to see."

The performances will begin at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday; tickets will be \$7 at the door.

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## Dead Day often ends up being lively

Wednesday is the day. It's finally here. Dead Day.

Apparently the purpose of Dead Day is to study or prepare for exams or something, but that hasn't really been the case in my personal experience.

The most common use of Dead Day is to sleep in from the night before and prep for the next, unless of course you have the dreaded 7:30 a.m. final on Friday (should have known better than to take a 9:00 MWF class).

I come to this realization early on in my college career. I was a freshman, frightened at the prospect of my first ever batch of exams sitting in the legendary Bill Dean's class. I honestly don't remember what the point he was making was, but he told us he knew exactly what we all did for Dead Day because he'd seen all the advertisements the clubs posted.

### Jon Arnold



As usual, Dean was spot on. I'd be very surprised if there was a non-game day weekend that results in more revenue for the bars and clubs. Sadly, there's no way to measure general laziness (maybe Internet bandwidth use on campus?) but this has to spike as well.

While the original purpose of Dead Day may have been perverted a bit, it's still a completely necessary day of rest. First of all, it would just throw everyone off. It would be strange to have class and then head

back the next day for finals.

More importantly though, the end of the semester is rough. Undoubtedly, everyone has a few projects or papers to get through and some exams that require some preparation.

Also, there are always people graduating. It's important to spend time with these people before they go off to who knows where and start their new life.

The night before Dead Day is such a great opportunity for a good time because everybody can come out. You know for a fact they don't have any school responsibilities the next day.

I'm sure there are people who use their Dead Day prudently. The library is open 24 hours, which has to mean there are people there generally. Could it possibly be there are more than The Library in the Depot District, though?

A quick and very informal Twitter poll revealed an enterprising student who said he is planning on hitting both the books and the bars in celebration of Dead Day.

This seems to capture the true meaning of Dead Day: enjoying the time off and the end of the semester with friends and attempting to prep for those ever-important finals.

Choose wisely because whether you go out, study or sleep there's a high chance you'll suffer Dead Day remorse. Those who study will wish they could've had a great time. Those who have a great time will wish they studied.

Don't think too hard about that, though. Just enjoy your Dead Day; after all, it only comes twice a year.

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## Oprah lands in Australia

SYDNEY (AP) — Oprah Winfrey landed in Australia on Wednesday, joining 300 eager audience members for her ultimate giveaway — an action-packed, Down Under adventure including close encounters with kangaroos, surfing lessons and a journey to the remote and dusty Outback.

Winfrey kicked off her 25th and final season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in September by surprising her shrieking, jumping and sobbing fans with what she's billed as the trip of a lifetime. The hand-picked audience, who arrived in Sydney on Tuesday, was made up of some of who the program called its most

loyal viewers over the years.

Winfrey landed in the northeast coastal city of Cairns, and was expected to head directly to Hamilton Island, on the Great Barrier Reef, to join some audience members awaiting her arrival.

The itinerary for "Oprah's Ultimate Australian Adventure" has been kept a closely guarded secret, with the audience still left in the dark upon their arrival in Sydney. But travel details finally released by Australia's tourism minister on Tuesday reveal a sweeping adventure in store for Winfrey's fans, with trips planned to each of the country's eight states and territories.

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# OPINIONS

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## Social media 'causes' only waste your time

Remember that episode in the first season of "Community" where Annie and Shirley go a little crazy "supporting" causes they don't understand? Making cookies, holding candlelit vigils and handing out fliers as if it were making a difference? Remember laughing at them for that?

Did any of you change your Facebook profile picture to a beloved cartoon character in order to "raise awareness of child abuse"? Because you're guilty of the exact same thing.

Of course, some people only participated for the fun of it, and that's fine. I myself took advantage of the old "celebrity look-alike" week to fool people into thinking I looked just like Paul Walker.

**Britton Peele**



There wasn't a cause, and that was fine. Pointless and stupid, but fine.

But many people changed their profile picture last week because they actually thought they were sending a message. They thought, "Yeah! I'm going to let the world know that I oppose child abuse!" Really? Because when I see that you have a Pokemon as your avatar,

I don't even give a passing thought to child abuse. My only thought is, "Heh, most of us were such nerds when we were kids."

And this fad isn't the only one to hit Facebook. Ladies, remember the odd meme of posting a status that contained nothing other than the color of the bra you were wearing at the time? How was that supposed to support breast cancer again? What about the "I like it on X" game, which

turned suggestive statuses about purses into something that had links to women empowerment?

These examples in particular were odd because I know at least a couple of girls who said that the fun was not telling anybody (mostly guys) what the statuses were about and seeing how long it took them to catch on.

So the entire point of mentioning your bra color was a secret? Isn't that the op-

posite of raising awareness?

In all of the above cases – and others like them – no money was raised for the cause in question. Nobody was honoring the anniversary of any child abuse victims. Nobody was donating to breast cancer research. Nobody was trying to shelter all those poor purses who were raped on the kitchen table.

If you want to play some goofy games on the social networking site of your choice, fine. I'm not saying they can't be fun in their own right. Several years ago, members of a message board I manage decided that everyone should change their avatar to a picture of their celebrity crush. It was dumb, but it was good for a few laughs, as well

as much confusion from newcomers.

But don't try to make yourselves feel better by trying to shoehorn messages or causes into your games. It helps nobody, and it only serves to waste time. If you really want to help a specific cause, there are plenty of ways to do so, many of which wouldn't even take too much of your time or money.

Heck, with the "Causes" app on Facebook, you wouldn't even have to leave the website in order to make a small difference. That's sort of sad, but the option is there anyway.

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## Stop telling me to read 'Harry Potter'

So, I've got a little bit of a "you know what's bull?" article today. I've gotten so darn tired of Harry Potter fans putting me down for not reading the books yet.

Yes, I am quite aware books are just about always better than the movies. For one, the series started coming out in 1997; I was in elementary school at that time. I had more interest in books like "Castle in the Attic," and later I had more interest in established classics, such as George Orwell's "1984" or C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia," than purchasing what was then a hotter, newer and more expensive book in the bookstores.

Of course, I found the books about Narnia far better than today's attempts to cash in on them, but I have never put anyone down about it. All I go about saying is, "I found the books to be far more imaginative" rather than, "Oh my

**Colleen Gartner**



God! How could you not read the books? That's preposterous!"

I view it more abstractly; I see it that I have my entire life to read those books. Why rush? Why ruin all of the details? Sure, I could have read them along the way; I certainly enjoyed the fantasy genre and short, generic "witch" books in middle school. However, it just hasn't happened for me yet,

and I shouldn't be punished for it.

In fact, putting me down for it makes me want to read or to buy the books even less. Yep, I said it: I don't own even one Harry Potter book. Nada, nothing, kaput, zip, zero.

Do I think not reading the books and watching the movies will hurt my ability to enjoy the books properly? I don't think so. I saw the very old movie version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" before I ever read "The Chronicles of Narnia." If anything, my mind got more creative. I could visualize the cold, wintery darkness lying beyond the wardrobe, and yet I had never seen

I know how easy it is to get excited about Harry Potter – I get excited about the movies, too. I've even attended a Harry Potter festival, and my friends and I all dressed up. From what I can tell, the books seem to be great, both educationally and socially, not only because of the themes in the books, but also because of the ability to connect with the characters even as children.

From that, you can tell it was never about whether I liked the books or not; I just haven't found enough time to read them. You know, because I've been more focused on books I will be tested on rather than recreational reading. So, yeah, that's my two cents on Harry Potter mania.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After reading the column by Tony Cardone that ran in Monday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, I wanted to respond to the assertions and criticisms made.

Representing students isn't an obligation of convenience. Voting on legislation is a senator's most important duty, and allowing students to skip meetings does not increase the effectiveness of the senate. This is not a social club; it is a legislative body.

Also, S.B. 46.15 was up for review for the longest period of any legislation this semester – and only one senator brought suggestions for changes, which authors unanimously included.

While ambiguities were revealed during debate over the bill, no senator who used those points as arguments against it ever mentioned one to our committee during the review period. If those same senators had such reservations about passing this bill, they had more than two weeks to meet with the committee. Instead, they remained silent. That is a greater travesty than a bill that simply needed refining.

Secondly, student government is a department, making the student body president a department head. I am astonished that Mr. Cardone suggests the president, who has three months at most for transition, can effectively govern, run a department and still work 40-hour workweeks at an off-site internship.

The student body president makes a promise to implement policy that has a positive impact on students. This isn't something that can be accomplished in a matter of weeks before school begins, or a few days before the first Board of Regents meeting. The only person who can ensure that those promises are kept is the one who made them in the first place.

Instead of equating the internal vice president, Jenny Mayants, to a bad kindergarten teacher and publicly ridiculing her, Mr. Cardone should try to find solutions to the problems he finds so outrageous.

■ **Alex Moore is the chair of the Student Senate's rules and administration committee.**

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Rd. traveler's stat
- 4 Spinnaker, e.g.
- 8 Tending to hang down
- 14 Treasure de la Sierra Madre
- 15 "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- 16 Merited
- 17 Kung — chicken
- 18 Members of a small army
- 20 Lumbering critter of Borneo
- 22 Conger catcher
- 23 Publicize
- 24 Delivery experts, for short
- 27 Remnant
- 28 Stuffed
- 31 "Knock it off"
- 32 Poker play
- 34 Grumpy co-worker?
- 36 Some Steinways
- 40 WWII depth charge targets
- 41 Bungling
- 42 Any day now
- 43 Bite like a beaver
- 44 Construction beam
- 48 Loud laugh
- 49 Japanese veggie
- 51 Take potshots
- 52 Game often involving a windmill
- 57 Pluto, now
- 59 Former CNN anchor Dobbs
- 60 Wreck, as plans
- 61 Losing proposition?
- 62 Soul, to Sartre
- 63 Start liking
- 64 WWII Normandy battle site
- 65 OPEC unit

**DOWN**

- 1 Swabbed
- 2 Bedtime ritual for many
- 3 Provider of millions of hits
- 4 Woodlands deity
- 5 Lip balm ingredient
- 6 Pastoral verse
- 7 Cut with a surgical beam
- 8 Indian metropolis
- 9 Tool for scouting pitchers
- 10 "Are you out —?"
- 11 Count that may diffuse anger
- 12 Part of 4-Across
- 13 QB's gains
- 19 Birthstone after sapphire
- 21 "When Harry Met Sally..." co-star
- 25 Doofus
- 26 1974 CIA spoof
- 28 Fragrant evergreens
- 29 Today
- 30 Red Square honoree
- 31 Restaurant host's purview
- 33 FBI employee
- 34 Gush
- 35 Barely beat
- 36 Not taking calls, perhaps
- 37 "Ben Adhem": James Leigh Hunt poem
- 38 Web surfer's shortcut
- 39 Paternity suit letters
- 43 Intent
- 45 Class with dissections, for short
- 46 Poise
- 47 Gas up
- 49 Not qualified
- 50 Double: Pref.
- 51 Brief brawl
- 53 Wrath, in a hymn title
- 54 Smidgens
- 55 Military group
- 56 Casting need
- 57 Banned bug killer
- 58 "Are — pair?": "Send in the Clowns" lyric

By Dan Naddor 12/8/10

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## Barncastle scores career high, paces Tech to win

By **JOSHUA KOCH**  
STAFF WRITER

After having two consecutive nine point games, a then-season high, Jordan Barncastle seemed to be finding her stride a bit before finally breaking through against Northwestern State.

Perfection defined the first half of play for Barncastle, scoring 14 points in the first half against Northwestern State on Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

"(I) was more aggressive offensively," Barncastle said. "But I don't really typically try to focus on scoring as much as defending and rebounding. Doing little things that I need to do to stay on the floor and help my team out. "If it's scoring for the night then it's scoring."

Barncastle finished the game with 24 points, surpassing that previous high total of nine, and also crashed the boards for seven rebounds.

Going into the game against Penn State, Barncastle was 9-for-46 shooting and only mustered a 19.5 shooting percentage from the field.

Barncastle had passed her previous season high in points with ease by halftime, and continued that kind of play into the second half. Barncastle finished the game perfect behind the arc and from the charity stripe, going 3-for-3 and 5-for-5, respectively.

With a three-pointer early into the second half, Barncastle passed her previous career high of 19 which came against Oklahoma State on Feb. 13 in Stillwater, Okla.

In addition to Barncastle, there were some other Lady Raiders who had good performances against Northwest-

ern State as well.

Tech began the game on a 7-2 run which was eventually extended to a 16-5 lead.

Out of a Northwestern State timeout, the Lady Demons went on an 8-0 run of their own pulling within three of the Lady Raider lead.

But Kelsi Baker brought that run to an end, and sparked a 10-0 run for the Lady Raiders giving Tech an 11 point advantage. With a double-digit lead, the Lady Raiders cruised into halftime.

The second half was no different, as Tech opened on a 7-0 run and maintained a double-digit lead throughout the remainder of the contest.

The game ended with three Lady Raiders in double digits, which Kierra Mallard said is a testament to the balance the team possesses as a whole.

"If one person don't step up this year, we have a lot more people that can step up to the game," Mallard said of Barncastle's performance. "JB did a wonderful job, some of us didn't really score high and JB had our backs."

The Lady Raiders improve to 9-1 with the 91-60 victory against Northwestern State (3-6).

Tech's next challenge will be Pittsburgh on the road in the Las Vegas Hoops Classic on Dec. 19 and California on Dec. 20.

"Obviously they're so well coached," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "Just a tradition rich NCAA tournament team. So it's very important for us to understand that it's Pittsburgh. It's Pitt, and I think that's enough in itself to get us excited about playing a really quality Big East opponent."

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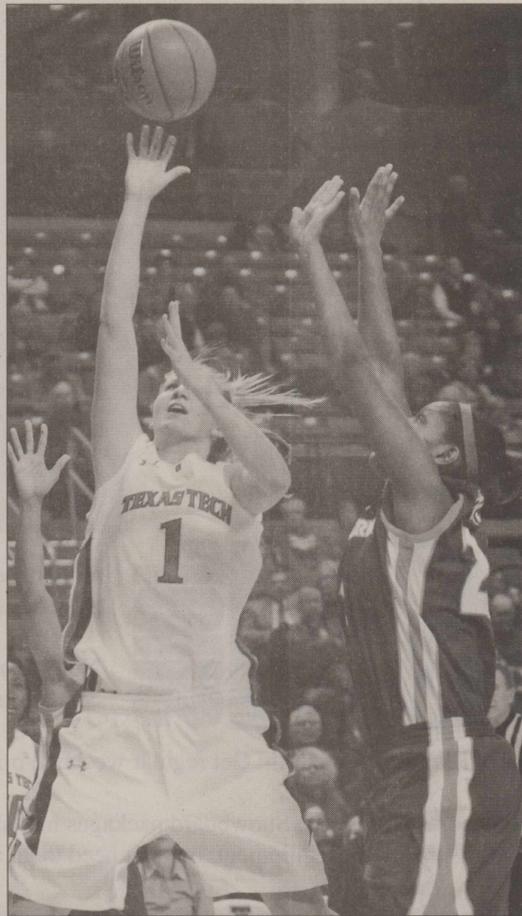


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle shoots during the Red Raider 91-60 victory on Tuesday night in the United Spirit Arena. The win lifts the Lady Raiders to 9-1 on the season.

## Talent

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Michelle Guzman, Tech cross country runner and president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Robert Lewandowski, Tech basketball forward and vice president of the SAAC, opened the show with some comments.

They also introduced the judges for the competition, which included different administrators.

Raider Red, members of the pom squad and the Court Jesters started the show with a performance. The Court Jesters ended the show with the playing of the Tech Fight song.

Men's and women's tennis were the first ones on the bill to perform. Some members of the women's tennis team, including Haley Fournier, danced to some hit tunes such as Beyoncé's "Single Ladies." Two members of the men's tennis team joined in on the last tune.

Track and field performed a stomp routine, mixed in with some rapping. After them, members of the volleyball team performed a gymnastics routine.

Soccer, however, had a Christmas-themed performance. While Maggie Piper was singing "Walking in a Winter Wonderland," others were dancing around dressed as gift boxes, and even reindeer.

The final act before intermission was freshman Hannah Arnold, representing women's golf. Arnold performed a juggling routine and finished it by standing on a medicine ball while juggling.

During the short intermission, Lewandowski and Guzman talked about SAAC and what the organization is doing on campus.

Director of Student Athlete Affairs Justin Paysinger, who helps put on different life skills events for student athletes throughout the year, said this event is special for the athletes and for those associated with the Special Olympics.

"This event I enjoy doing every year," he said, "because it helps us

showcase their talents outside of their respective teams or playing fields. But also it's our chance to give back to Special Olympics, who is a very cherished partnership that we have here at Texas Tech."

The show went on, and the second half showcased the musical talents of some other athletes.

Following a performance from members of the Tech track and field squad, Cydney Allen and Raven Richardson, representing Tech softball, played the ukulele and guitar in solo performances. Both players wrote their own lyrics.

Men's basketball was represented by the musical skills of guard Wally Dunn. Dunn started with John Mayer's "Free Fallin'" and capped off his outing with the singing of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas".

Grahn, representing men's golf, played a moving performance of "Save Him," which brought some of the crowd to its feet.

It'd take just that to knock off the defending champs.

Brian Ducan and Jacob Karam, the reigning winners of the contest, started their performance with a comedy bit. Afterwards, Karam sat down at the piano and played a tune, then broke into a Red Raider version of Travis McCoy's "Billionaire."

But the real reason for the whole show was put on display when people from the local Special Olympics chapter performed "YMCA."

After this act, all the student athletes that performed joined them on stage to sing, "We Wish you a Merry Christmas".

Lewandowski said Tuesday night was a real treat in terms of hosting the show while also being able to help out the Special Olympics.

"We really enjoy inviting them here and letting them perform and stuff like that," he said. "It's kind of a chance for them to do something different with their skills, also. It was a chance to raise money for (the Special Olympics) and raise money for the South Plains Food drive. I think overall it went pretty well."

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## Broncos blame themselves for McD's failure

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The Denver Broncos kicked Josh McDaniels out of a job. They're not going to throw him under the bus.

Speaking on behalf of team owner Pat Bowlen, chief operating officer Joe Ellis said Tuesday the organization was at fault for giving McDaniels too much power at too young an age with so little experience.

"I think the responsibilities that he was burdened with, it's fair to say that we probably burdened him with too much of that and we were unfair to him in that respect," Ellis said. "And we certainly need to assess that and look at that moving forward."

Ellis said that while a new front office structure isn't even in the blueprint stages yet, the next coach probably won't have as much say in personnel matters as McDaniels did.

McDaniels, 34, was fired Monday amid the team's worst slide in four decades, an 11-17 record, and a host of off-the-field troubles, including a series of personnel decisions that backfired and the Spygate II videotaping scandal that tarnished the franchise.

McDaniels was replaced on an interim basis by running backs coach Eric Studesville, 43, who will get a crack at the full-time job when the Broncos begin their search for the franchise's 14th head coach next month.

"Surprised and humbled and honored," Studesville said of his sudden ascension.

After determining that two-time Super Bowl winner Mike Shanahan had amassed too much power, the

Broncos pledged they wouldn't give McDaniels the same amount of responsibility when they hired him as Shanahan's replacement in January 2009.

Yet, that's exactly what they did. "I think it kind of evolved and grew into that and as I said, I take some responsibility on behalf of Pat for allowing that to happen," Ellis said. "... And it's very likely that the plan will not empower the next head coach with the kind of authority that Josh was probably unfairly put upon him. And it's also fair to say that we'll stick to that plan."

McDaniels, who was 32 when he was hired, had no head coaching experience at any level and had never

made personnel decisions when he was handed the keys to the franchise. A few months later, he was allowed to hire videographer Steve Scarnecchia, whose secret tape of the San Francisco 49ers' practice in London got McDaniels in hot water and would weigh heavily in his dismissal five weeks later.

Ellis said he told McDaniels upon his firing Monday afternoon that he still believes in him.

"I said, 'I'm disappointed that it didn't work out for you but you're going to be a good coach. Unfortunately, it's going to be somewhere else,'" Ellis recounted. "I think he'll grow from this and learn from it and you know his intellectual mind when it comes to football is ... superior, it's terrific."

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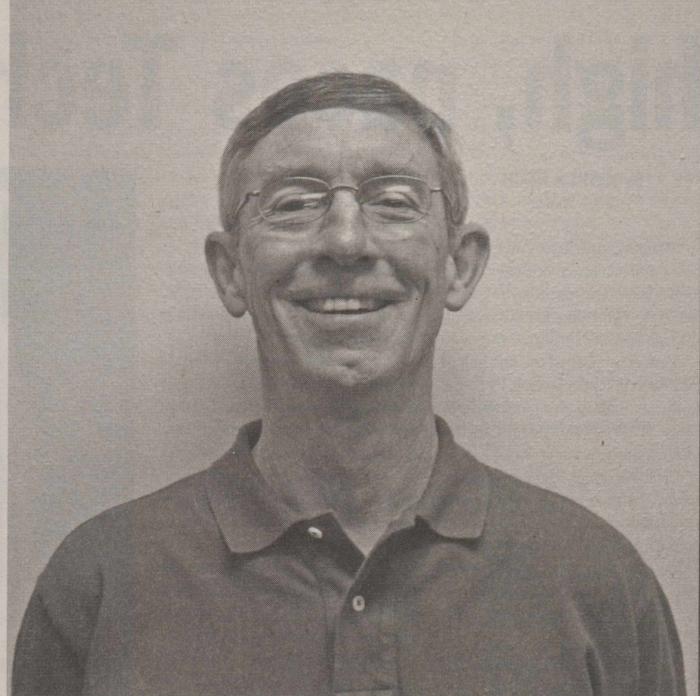
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We will miss you Joe!



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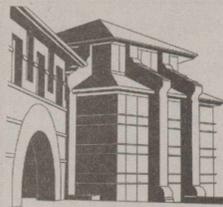
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6:40-7:00 pm	Abs Rm 114 Lisa						
12-10-1:00pm	Yoga Rm 121 Muriel	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Abby	Zumba Rm 114 Leslie	Turbo Kick Rm 114 Tara	Core Craze Rm 114 Abby		
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# Texas girls hoops coach set for another milestone

GRANBURY (AP) — After nearly 50 years of coaching, Leta Andrews still runs up and down the bleachers with her players during practices and carefully reviews video footage after every game, no matter how late it is.

She became the nation's winningest girls high school basketball coach years ago, according to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and is about to break the record held by a boys coach — 1,333 wins. She tied the record last week, setting the stage for a milestone Tuesday night when her Granbury Lady Pirates faced Midlothian.

"My heart is really pounding at this moment, but I'm the blessed one that I've been a part of these athletes lives," said Andrews, 73. "I'm just very, very grateful that many of them have gotten an education through playing basketball. My goal has been to help these young ladies taste the fruits of success in the sports that they love."

Andrews doesn't like the spotlight, but she's had to get used to it throughout her career teaching and coaching at schools in several Texas cities, including Granbury since 1992. She has led her teams to 16 state final four appearances and one state championship, and she has been inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

She's known as a no-nonsense coach who makes her players say "yes, ma'am" and "no, ma'am" and scolds them if she thinks they're too distracted with boyfriends. Andrews has incorporated military-style workouts into practices and sometimes requires the team run laps and shoot free throws after losing a game.

Yet she's just as quick to give a hug as she is to shout one of her memorable sayings, such as "I'll be a dog flitter!" or "Katy, bar the door!" And after each game, Andrews is the one who washes the team's uniforms.

"It's the respect that you have for her, so you want to live up to her expectations," said Lilley VanderZee, a 6-foot-3 sophomore.

Catherine Matthews, 17, was planning

to play softball in college next year so she almost didn't play basketball this year but changed her mind after Andrews kept winking at her in the hallways.

"I love basketball so much and would have missed it," Matthews said. "She definitely makes you a better athlete all around. And she pulls even more out of you than you thought you had."

Andrews sticks to the basics but says basketball has changed through the years, especially for girls, whose teams went from six members to five members in the 1970s. She also remembers a time when other coaches were less supportive of girls' sports.

"I've worked for people who said, 'It's OK if you win, as long as you don't win more games than I do,'" she said, referring to boys' coaches. "It just created an extra enthusiasm for me. I loved playing when I was in school and I had success, so I wanted the ladies to be successful."

Early in her career, Andrews sought advice from college coaches, including Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, North Carolina's Dean Smith and former Texas Tech women's coach Marsha Sharp and former Texas women's coach Jody Conradt.

Andrews said a coach who became "an unbelievable mentor" was John Wooden, who led the UCLA men's team to 10 NCAA championships during his 27 seasons before retiring in 1975. He died in June at age 99.

Barbara Harrington, Granbury's school board president who has kept the team's game statistics for 15 years, said Andrews' dedication to her players, work ethic and kind heart have made her an icon in the town of about 8,000 some 40 miles west of Fort Worth.

Community pride is evident on the Granbury water tower, which proclaims Andrews as the nation's winningest high school coach. When the message was painted a couple of years ago, the city lacked funds to correct it by adding the word "girls" before coach, so officials decided to leave the tower alone in anticipation of her next milestone.

# Red Raiders take on Frogs with big men Roberts, Cooper healthy

By TOMMY MAGELSEN  
STAFF WRITER

Simply put, Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight called Saturday's loss at Washington an "old fashioned banjo lesson."

"Hopefully it's a lesson for these guys," Knight said Sunday. "To get beaten badly on national TV by a really good team, it just shows how much more work we have to do."

Tech's 29-point loss to Washington was the worst loss of the season for the Red Raiders (5-4). Knight said he didn't believe any of his players played well in Seattle, but there was one positive: getting Tech forwards D'Walyn Roberts and Paul Cooper some playing time.

Both Cooper and Roberts have been hampered by injuries in the early stages of the season. Roberts, who started Tech's first game of the season against Louisiana-Monroe, injured his back before the Red Raiders' second game against North Texas.

Cooper underwent ankle surgery just before the season started after hurting it in the preseason.

"If there was one positive out of the whole game, it was getting those guys minutes," Knight said. "I know they're going to make mistakes because they haven't played

in a while, but I was kind of happy to get them minutes against a high quality opponent and a really good road environment."

Roberts, a senior, came off the bench for a season-high 22 minutes of action, logging six points and four boards. Both Roberts and Cooper were among four Red Raiders who did not commit any of the season-high 20 turnovers Saturday.

Cooper, playing in his second game, scored his first four points of the season Saturday in 15 minutes of playing time. However, the power forward also logged four fouls.

The Florida native and first-year Red Raider has six fouls in 19 minutes this year, but that likely can be attributed to his style of play.

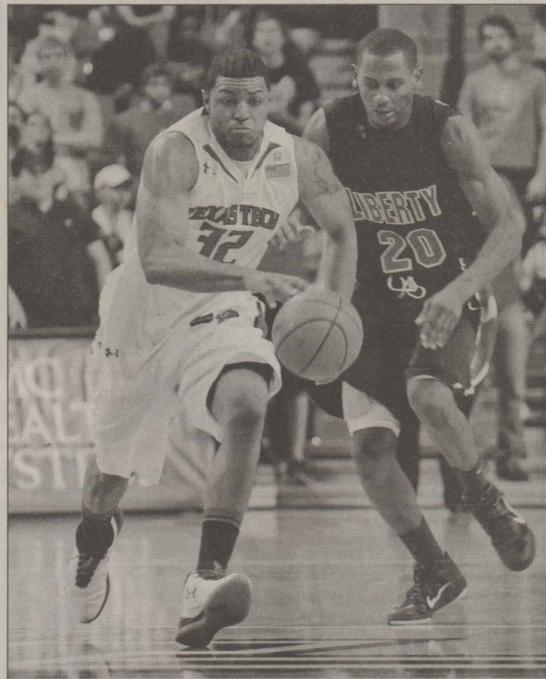
"I play mostly real physical," Cooper said. "I like the power game, that's what I like to go to — the power line with my headfakes, and just power it up to the rim and finish strong."

Listed at 6-foot-8 and 235 pounds, Cooper said he weighs a bit more than 235, and he plays even bigger on the floor. Getting into the game against the Huskies was a good test, Cooper said, because it was a small taste of what he will be up against in the Big 12 Conference. The Gulf Coast Community College transfer said he likely can outmuscle most of his competition.

Fellow newcomer Jaye Crockett said

*"We need everybody back so we could have a lot more rest from the guards to the centers."*

JAYE CROCKETT  
TECH BASKETBALL



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary runs the floor in a game earlier this season. Singletary and the Red Raiders are hoping to rebound from a 29-point loss against Washington when they play TCU on Wednesday.

he welcomes the newly healthy Red Raider lineup, especially with Roberts and Cooper down low.

"That's a lot of help with me not guarding people that outweigh me (by) 60 pounds, so that helps," Crockett said. "But it helps out the whole team. We needed everybody back so we could have a lot more rest from the guards to the centers."

Crockett has brought some of the loudest cheers of the season with his thunderous dunks, and Cooper said

he is waiting for the chance to show Tech fans what he can do with a wide-open lane.

"I'm going to try to take the goal down if I can," Cooper said with a smile.

Cooper, Crockett and the rest of the Red Raiders have their last chance to bring down the glass at 7 p.m. today against TCU (6-3) in the United Spirit Arena before a 10-day break between games.

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