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## Tech alumnus releases book about theory of JFK's assassination

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY  
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On Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Harvey Lee Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy, according to the United States government.

Many people have investigated and challenged the government's theory of Oswald being Kennedy's killer, including Jack Duffy, author of "The Man from 2063."

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, a week after the anniversary of JFK's assassination, in the Barnes and Nobles campus bookstore, Jack Duffy sat at a table signing books and conversing with students, faculty and staff interested in his book.

Duffy is from Fort Worth and received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech in political science, a master's degree from Baylor University and a law degree from South Texas College of Law. He owns a law firm in Haltom City. This is the first book Duffy has written.

"I got interested in (JFK's assassination) in 1971 because I saw a bootlegged copy of the Zapruder film — the film that shows Kennedy's murder," Duffy said. "Back in 1971, nobody had seen it or very few people had ever seen it because it had been locked up by Time Life magazine, who owned the rights

to it at the time."

Starting in high school and continuing on for more than 40 years, Duffy has conducted research about JFK's assassination.

"I have interviewed many, many eye witnesses — many of whom are still alive today," Duffy said. "I've met many researchers who wrote books on JFK's assassination back in the 60s."

The author has interviewed Marina Oswald, an eyewitness of the assassination, and several Parkland physicians who treated JFK after the shooting.

Duffy describes the book as a time-travel book mixed with factual information about Kennedy's assassination.

"In the year 2063, the truth about the president's murder finally comes out for the first time," Duffy said. "The hero of the book (Sean Zumwalt) is a lawyer who is interested in the case."

The main character, Sean Zumwalt, ends up finding out about a time machine that's been developed by the military and hidden by the United States government, Duffy said. Zumwalt eventually goes back in time to 1963 and saves President Kennedy from being killed by preventing the assassination.

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## Is He Dead?



PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROBIN/The Daily Toreador

INSPECTOR MONNET, PLAYED by Josh Servantez, parades across the play while blaring his whistle during "Is He Dead?" on Wednesday in the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre. The play is a comedy by Mark Twain adapted by David Ives and will run from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2.

### Department of Theatre, Dance performs Broadway adaptation of Mark Twain comedy

By ASHLYN TUBBS  
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Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain, is often regarded as the father of American literature.

Twain did not just want to publish more than 30 books and hundreds of short stories and essays. He wanted to write successful plays.

Although he died in 1910, his dream became a reality in 2007 when his play, "Is He Dead?," was rediscovered and adapted by David Ives into a Broadway hit.

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance is pushing Twain's dream even further, taking "Is He Dead?" from Broadway to the Maedgen Theatre.

"I thought it was hysterical," said Daniel Ray, a senior mathematics major from Grapevine. "The play took me by surprise because it was a lot funnier than I thought it would be. I really enjoyed it."

The play, directed by Jonathan Marks, premiered Thursday and also will be performed at 2 p.m. Dec. 2. The play is centered on a group of poor artists who stage the death of a friend to raise the prices of his paintings. To ensure their scheme succeeds, they develop out-of-the-ordinary plots including cross-dressing, a full-scale fake funeral, lovers' deceptions and more.

"I think it was an excellent performance," said DeRon Williams, a second year theater doctoral student from Augusta, Ga. and assistant director for the play. "The cast (was) good, and the audience responded very well to all of the moments."

Williams said preparation for the play took about four and a half weeks. He describes his experience working with the staff as wonderful and said the cast is patient, talented and creative.

"They brought a lot of creativity to the process," he said. "Most of the stuff they did on stage came from their own minds and their own thoughts about their characters."

Ray's favorite character of the play was Chicago, he said, which was played by Randall Rapstine.

"He jumped out at you," he said. "He made me laugh a lot."

The actors and actresses love the play and have found it humorous, Marks said.

"They've taken enormous responsibility for devising things on their own," he said. "It's been lots of fun."

The preview audience is a tough crowd, Marks said, because most of the students are required to attend for a class.

He said during the preview Wednesday, there was a good deal of spontaneous reaction from the crowd.

"That part made me happy," he said. "I expect many more."

Ashley Rhodes, a theater graduate student from Winnie, said acting in the play has been a unique experience.

She said the cast has enjoyed getting to express themselves onstage, and they have a lot of fun together.

"It's been fun to explore the themes and acting styles, which is something we don't get to do very often," she said. "We've also really enjoyed playing with cross-dressing."

Marks has been a pleasure to work with, Rhodes said.

"He's been really great," she said. "A lot of times, directors are like, 'You do this at this time and breathe here,' but with him we have gotten to try everything, basically."

Nicholas Irion, a first year doctoral theater student from Denton, said Marks' method of directing has made the play 100 percent more enjoyable, and has created positive and effective energy.

"It's been really constructive," he said. "Inexperienced and experienced actors have both really (gotten) a lot out of this."

Irion encourages students, faculty and staff to view the performance.

"It's a hoot and holler," he said. "There's a surprise around every corner."

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## THE RUNNING MAN

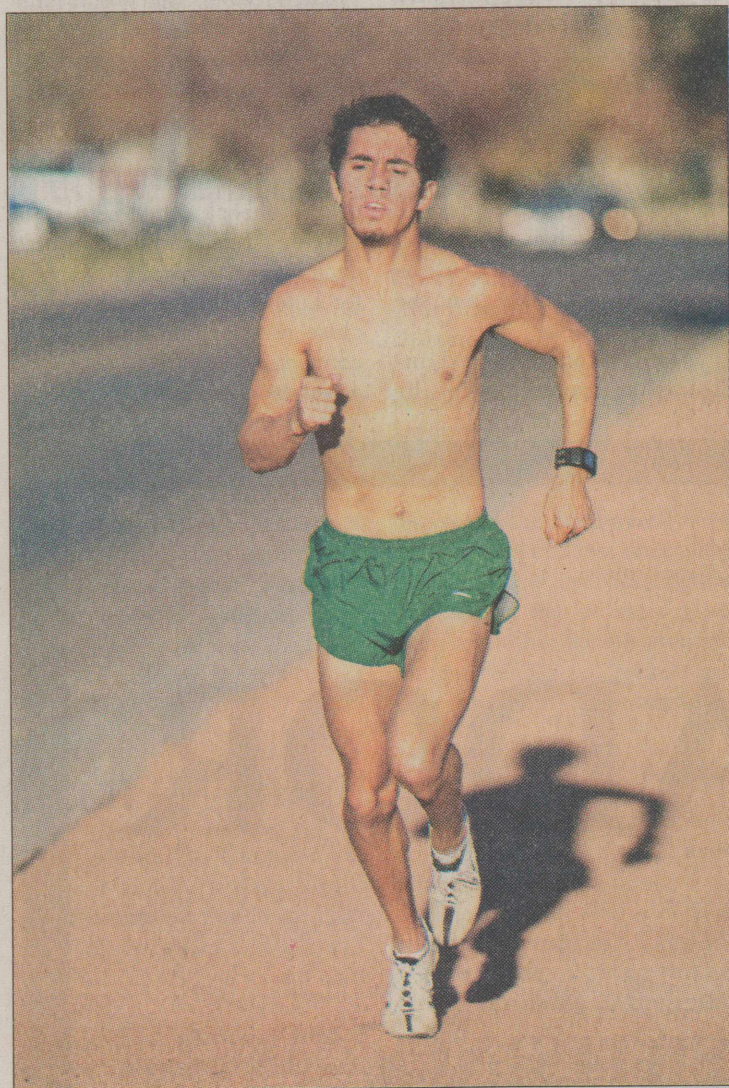


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JONATHAN LIRA, A junior history major from Plains, finishes the final lap of a 5-mile run as part of the Texas Tech Track Team on Thursday near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center fields.

## Student athletic trainers always available for athletes

By KATELIN KELLY  
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When athletes are on the field, injury can strike at a moment's notice.

When it does, student athletic trainers are immediately by their side to ensure their safety and help ease the pain.

Student trainer Stephanie Rychlec, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Denver, said she has learned how to remain calm under pressure when an injury happens.

"I mean if you're standing right there when something happens, it can be kind of scary, but you learn to stay calm," Rychlec said. "I guess I've learned over the years that the more calm you are, the more calm the player will be, so it works out better."

Trainer Sara Lisbona, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Flower Mound, said she became interested in Texas Tech's student athletic training program

after being a trainer at her high school for four years.

"I was actually at the spring game and saw that they had student trainers," Lisbona said. "I didn't really know much about the program, if they had a student program, so I called my high school trainer, and that's how I got into it."

Lisbona said some of her favorite parts of the job are working in a casual environment, working outside and working with the student athletes.

"I like working with the athletes and seeing them progress in their injury and their (rehabilitation)," Lisbona said. "It's really rewarding to see them get better and know that you helped them. And watching football every day isn't bad, either."

Stevie Olivarez, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Houston, said she wanted to get involved with student athletic training after going through rehabilitation for a torn anterior cruciate liga-

ment from a soccer accident in high school.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with athletes," Olivarez said, "and I had a knee surgery myself and spent a lot of times in the training rooms, so that's how I came to know what athletic training was."

Olivarez said she is a student athletic trainer for the soccer team. Olivarez has had hands-on experience with treating a player on the team for a torn ACL.

"We've been able to watch her do her rehab and go through surgery, and now (rehabilitation) and trying to get back on the field," Olivarez said, "It's hard because you have to be able to keep them up emotionally and keep a positive attitude even though something bad like this has happened."

Olivarez said she is grateful she can relate to the athletes going through rehabilitation so she can better explain the post-surgery procedure.

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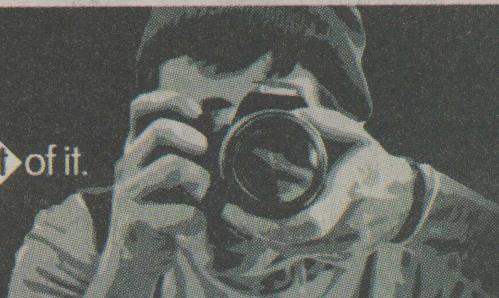
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# Cancer prevention agency OK'd faulty \$11M grant

AUSTIN (AP) — Leaders of Texas' embattled \$3 billion cancer-fighting effort approved an \$11 million grant to a biomedical company even though the proposal wasn't reviewed, according to an internal audit that deepens the troubles of a state agency that has been denounced in recent months by some of the world's top scientists.

The discovery was uncovered during an internal review of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. The award to Peloton Therapeutics Inc. in 2010 was among first ever handed out by the agency, and remains one of its largest taxpayer-funded grants to date.

The Associated Press on Thursday first reported the audit's findings, which were later announced by the agency.

Tim Kutzkey, Peloton's acting chief executive officer, declined comment and referred questions to CPRIT. In a statement, the agency said the Dallas-based company was unaware that "CPRIT processes had not been followed."

The cancer institute is home to the nation's second largest pot of cancer-research money, behind only the National Institutes of Health, and has awarded nearly \$700 million. But it has come under intensifying scrutiny as several scientists, including two Nobel laureates, resigned in protest claiming the agency was charting a new politically-driven path that put commercial interests before science.

The Peloton revelation is the latest blow to CPRIT, which launched in 2009 to widespread acclaim among scientists and cancer survivors but has spent the past year unraveling. Dozens of scientists have resigned from the agency's peer review panels en masse in recent weeks, some of whom criticized the fund for "hucksterism" and "suspicion of favoritism" on their way out the door.

# TENNIS TIME

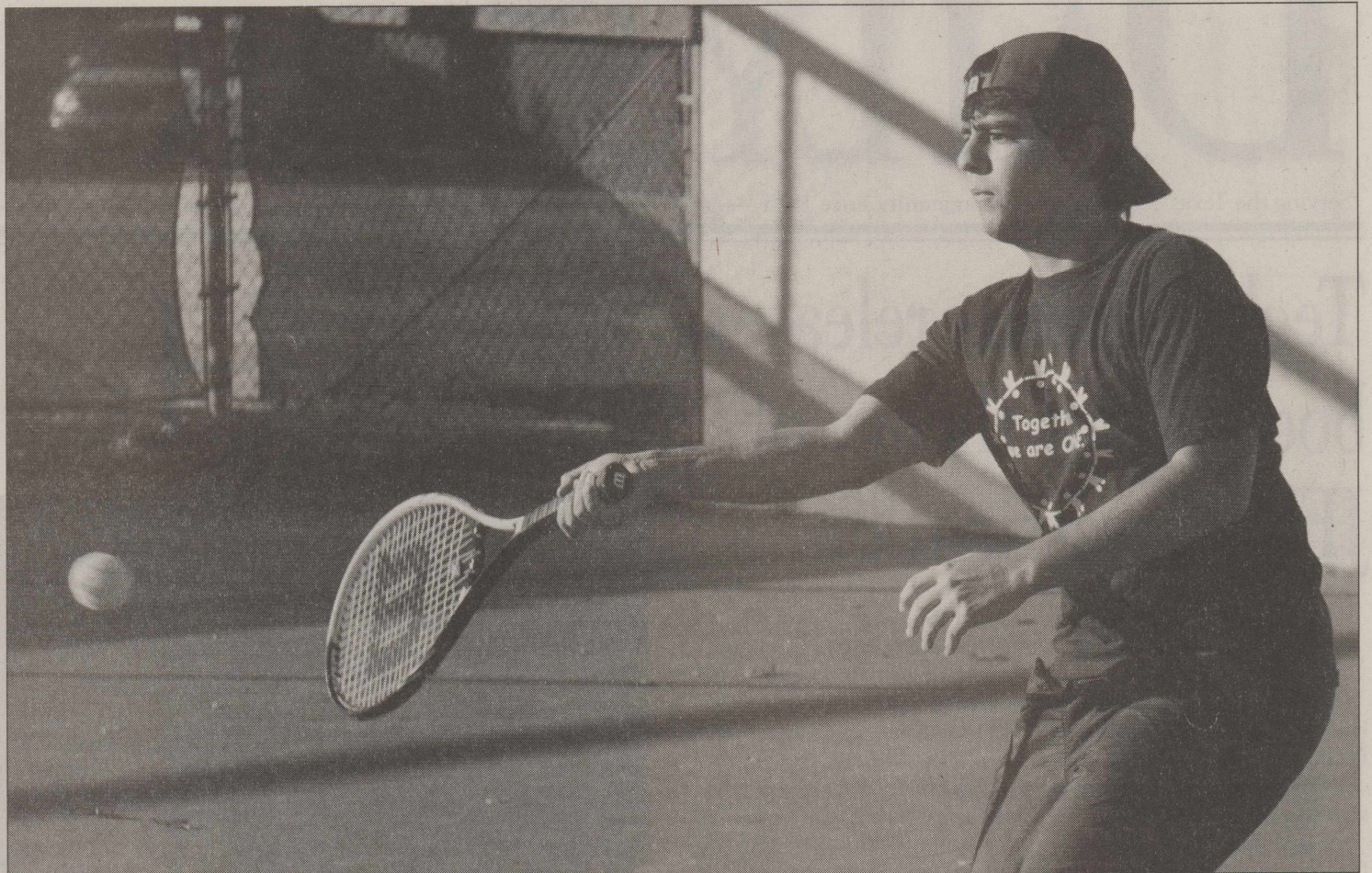


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BRANDON HURTADO, A freshman computer engineering major from Early, gets ready to hit the ball during a pick-up game Thursday outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

# State Employee Charitable Campaign donates \$430k

By **ALSTON TRBULA**  
STAFF WRITER

All the donations for the 2012 State Employee Charitable Campaign have been collected and counted, and results show Texas Tech exceeded its goal.

The goal for this year was to donate \$430,000, and employees from Tech beat that amount by donating \$431,865.16, said David Abercia, campaign coordinator for the university and the system level for administrative offices. In 2011, Tech raised \$420,082.52.

He said Tech has not met its goal in the last three years, but this year, the streak ended.

The Texas State Legislature created the SECC in 1993 and Tech has participated ever since, Abercia said. The SECC gives employees from various agencies the opportunity to donate to charities in a variety of ways. The convenience of the system usually encourages employees to participate.

"It is required by law (that) we are supposed to give all our employees the opportunity to give back to any of the charities that are a part of the campaign," Abercia said.

Every year, employees are given from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 to submit a pledge form, he said. Employees can donate as

much money as they want, and they have the option of paying by payroll deduction, cash or check. Everything can be completed online. They also can pick and choose which charities they

donate to, as long as the charities are listed under the SECC.

One of the biggest local charities is Lubbock Area United Way, according to a mini-directory of SECC charities for the Greater West Texas Area. The charity has 23 community partners that also are charities, some of them including the Boys and Girls Club of Lubbock and the Parenting Cottage. Some of the statewide charities include Children Awaiting Parents, the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation and the Hospice Foundation of America. The Lubbock Area United Way is the local campaign

manager for the Lubbock area.

"Each area within Texas has a local campaign manager," Abercia said. "The Lubbock United Way is ours."

Nicole Ashley, combined campaigns director for the Lubbock Area United Way, said she is hired through United Way to manage the SECC for Tech and all other state agencies in the Lubbock area. The Lubbock Area United Way is separate from the SECC, and has its own partner agencies in the local area. The SECC has hundreds of charities.

Because of the number of employees and willingness to participate, Tech is the biggest contributor of the SECC in the Greater West Texas region, she said.

"The Victory Report Luncheon is an opportunity for the

community to come together and celebrate that we have achieved our campaign goals," Ashley said. "It's not even so much about just achieving the goal. Regardless of the amount of money that we've raised, it's that we've raised this money to do so much good in the community."

Although the SECC requires agencies to give their employees opportunities to donate, the SECC does not mandate the amount of money raised, Abercia said. Staff from Tech set the goals they want to achieve.

"The fact that Tech employees collectively raised more than \$430,000 speaks volumes to their generosity and their compassion here in West Texas," he said. "Most of the money donated stays local."

According to the Tech SECC website, there are a variety of reasons to give. Donating is tax deductible, and it can help people who are less fortunate.

"Tech is so close to the Lubbock community that it's a given we're going to support them. They support us, and we support them," Abercia said. "I don't think Lubbock would be here if it weren't Tech, and I don't think Tech would be here if it weren't for Lubbock. They have a very close relationship and special connection."

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## The United Nations vote recognizes state of Palestine; US objects

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations voted overwhelmingly Thursday to recognize a Palestinian state, a victory decades in the making for the Palestinians after years of occupation and war. It was a sharp rebuke for Israel and the United States.

A Palestinian flag was quickly unfurled on the floor of the General Assembly, behind the Palestinian delegation, as the final vote was cast.

In an extraordinary lineup of international support, more than two-thirds of the world's 193 member states approved the resolution upgrading the Palestinians to a nonmember observer state. It passed 138-9, with 41 abstentions.

The historic vote came 65 years to the day after the U.N. General Assembly voted in 1947 to divide Palestine into two states, one for Jews and one for Arabs. Israel became a state but the Palestinians rejected the partition plan, and decades of tension and violence have followed.

Real independence, however, remains an elusive dream until the Palestinians negotiate a peace deal with the Israelis, who warned that the General Assembly action will only delay a lasting solution. Israel still controls the West Bank, east Jerusalem and access to Gaza, and it accused the Palestinians of bypass-

ing negotiations with the campaign to upgrade their U.N. status.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah, jubilant Palestinians crowded into the main square, waving Palestinian flags and chanting "God is great!" Hundreds had watched the vote on outdoor screens and televisions, and they hugged, honked their horns and set off fireworks as the final vote was cast.

The tally came after a speech by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in which he called the moment a "last chance" to save the two-state solution.

"The General Assembly is being asked today to issue the birth certificate of Palestine," the Palestinian leader declared.

The United States and Israel immediately criticized the vote.

"Today's unfortunate and counterproductive resolution places further obstacles in the path of peace," U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice said. "Today's grand pronouncements will soon fade and the Palestinian people will wake up tomorrow and find that little about their lives has changed save that the prospects of a durable peace have only receded."

Calling the vote "meaningless," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Abbas of spreading "mendacious propaganda" against Israel in a speech he rejected as "defamatory

and venomous."

"The resolution in the U.N. today won't change anything on the ground," Netanyahu said. "It won't advance the establishment of a Palestinian state, but rather, put it further off."

With most U.N. members sympathetic to the Palestinians, there had been no doubt the resolution would be approved. A state of Palestine has already been recognized by 132 countries, and the Palestinians have 80 embassies and 40 representative offices around the world, according to the Palestinian Foreign Ministry.

Still, the Palestinians lobbied hard for Western support, winning over key European countries including France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and Ireland, as well as Japan and New Zealand. Germany and Britain were among the many Western nations that abstained.

Joining the United States and Israel in voting "no" were Canada, the Czech Republic, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Panama.

Despite Thursday's triumph, the Palestinians face enormous limitations. They don't control their borders, airspace or trade, they have separate and competing governments in Gaza and the West Bank and they have no unified army or police.

## Book

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Chris Curbo, a business management graduate from Lubbock who works as an audit analyst at Tech, came to the book signing because of his interest in JFK's assassination.

When Curbo's dad was attending Tarleton State University, he had a part-time job delivering fabrics to Dallas.

"One of the guys he delivered fabrics to was a guy named Abraham Zapruder," Curbo said. "When you see the film of Kennedy's assassination, Zapruder is the guy that filmed it. He was the one who actually stood up on the grassy knoll area and filmed the assassination."

His dad would tell him stories from that, Curbo said.

When Curbo saw Duffy was an alumnus and had one of the largest private collections of material on the JFK assassination on TechAnnounce, Curbo said he became very interested.

He has read the first chapter of the book.

"I like nonfiction, but I'll read a fiction book if it's tied to heavy research," Curbo said. "I was kind of curious to what his views are."

Curbo said there's always intrigue as to what happened.

"They say the loss of innocence in the country was based on that assassination," Curbo said. "You never know what would have transpired. Would politics look the same? Would the Democratic Party look the way it does now? You never know."

Aimee Eldridge, a Christian studies major at Grand Canyon University, is the trade book manager of the Barnes and Nobles campus bookstore.

The first few copies of "The Man from 2063," which was released Sept. 4, were available at the campus bookstore about a month ago, she said. The staff at the bookstore chose this time period to order the books and have the book signing because JFK's assassination anniversary was last week.

"(The assassination) is a very widely known subject," Eldridge said. "A lot of people know about it but don't know the details."

"The Man from 2063" is a thinking book, she said. It is at a college reading level.

"I think with next year being the 50th anniversary of (JFK's assassination), that will bring a lot of interest," Eldridge said. "More people will be seeking out books on the subject at that time."

In the future, Duffy said it is his dream to make a movie out of his book.

He also agrees with Eldridge that his book will become more popular next year corresponding with the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination.

"The overwhelming majority of our country doesn't believe just one person killed Kennedy," Duffy said. "Most people believe some type of conspiracy to how Kennedy was murdered, and with good reason."

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## Tech alumnus named Gov. Perry's chief of staff

Texas Tech School of Law graduate Ann S. Bishop was named chief of staff by Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday.

According to a news release by the Office of Gov. Perry, Bishop's appointment will take effect Dec. 3.

"Ann brings extensive leadership experience and a history of success in both state government and the private sector," Perry said in the release. "Her skills will be invaluable as she manages the broad range of issues in the governor's office, including budget, policy

and economic development. I have known Ann for years and place great trust in her abilities and her character."

According to the release, Bishop will replace Jeff Boyd, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Bishop has been the executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas since 2004.

The ERS is a service-oriented trust agency that provides retirement and other benefit programs for state employees, retirees and their dependents, according to the

ERS website. The agency was established in 1947 by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

Bishop also has served as a deputy comptroller of Public Accounts, and was the first executive director of the Department of Information Resources, the release said. She also has operated an independent business consulting service.

According to the release, Bishop has an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Texas at Austin, and a juris doctorate from Tech law school.

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## Tech organization to host film festival in April

France has its Cannes Film Festival and Park City, Utah, hosts its annual Sundance Film Festival. Now Texas Tech will host a film festival of its own in April.

The Tech Association of Student Electronic Media will host FilmWreck, a one-day film festival that will include student-produced films.

Erika Laffin, a senior visual communications major from Great Falls, Mont., said the idea for the film festival came to her when she studied abroad.

"Having the title of a film festival would have a chance of paving a pathway for a possible film development program (at Tech)," she said.

The festival committee, Laffin said, is reaching out to local universities and high schools to participate in the film festival.

Aside from reaching out to the local community for sponsorships and speakers, the committee also is having a logo contest for people to create a logo to be used for the film festival.

"The point of a film festival is for filmmakers to have their

content shown to a wider audience," Laffin said.

The festival, she said, is in the developmental stages and will start developing further at the beginning of the spring semester.

"I want (the film festival) to

be a step for (students) in the film festival industry," Laffin said.

A specific day, she said, has not been set for FilmWreck, but she said there would be an awards ceremony at the festival.

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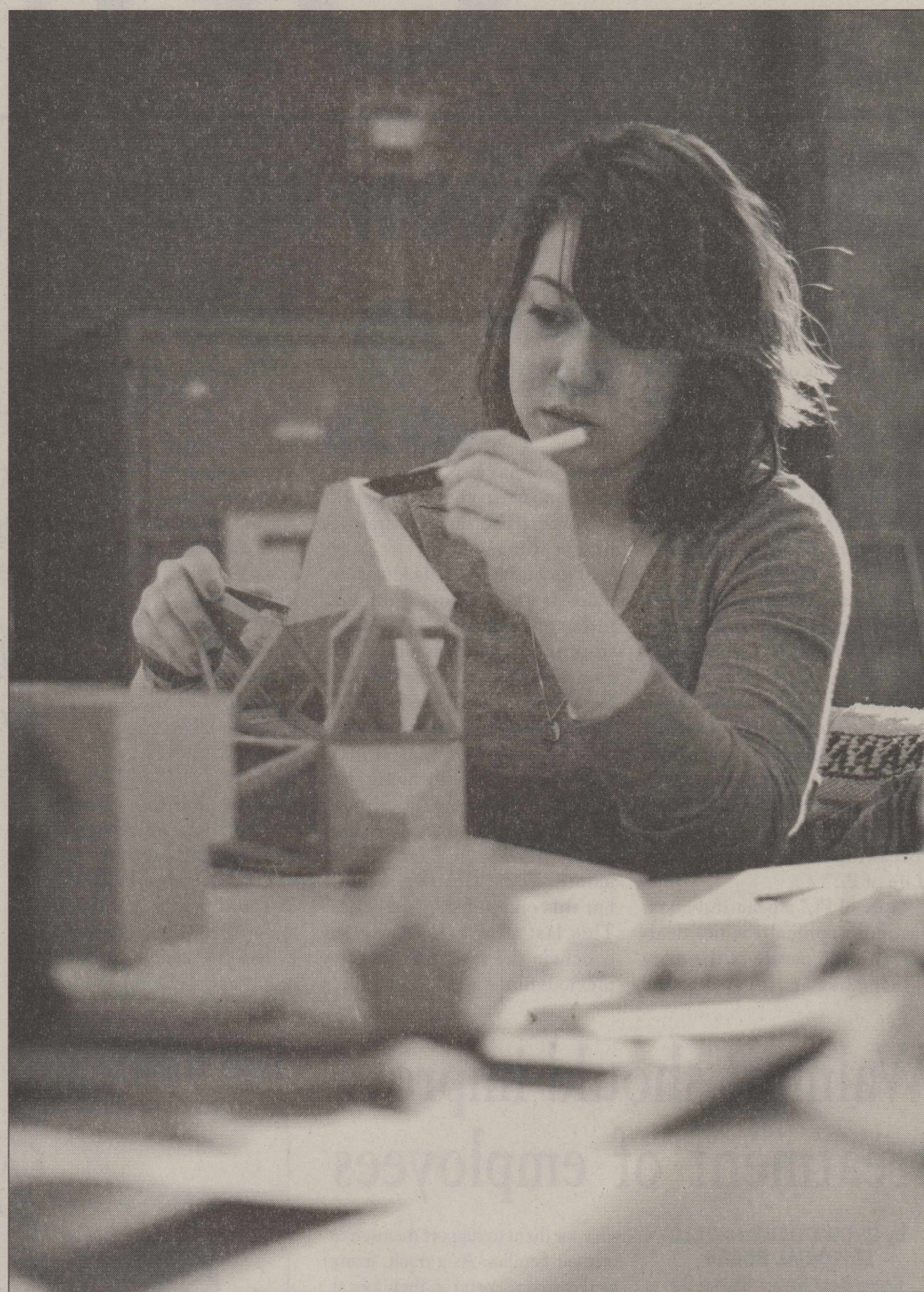


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MEI STARNs, A senior architecture major from San Antonio, paints geometric figures for her fabrication project in her Digital Media II class inside of the Architecture building Wednesday.

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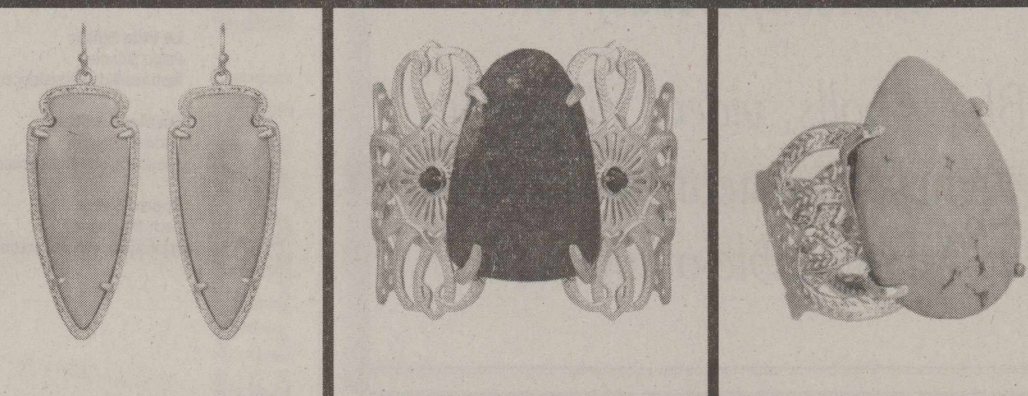
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## Film, TV show ratings not indicative of quality

When faced with the choice of entertainment at a theater, programs on television or a book, it can be difficult to find a piece of art worth buying into.

Overall, consumers are eating up dull entertainment. Cheap plots and jokes, if present at all, have become normal. Finding a thought provoking, well-planned piece of art is hard.

It's hard to find in a culture where large, money-seeking corporations are the "middle man" between the artist and the connoisseur. It's even worse when the artist is the "middle man" between the corporation and what they see as the consumer.

Look at the box office numbers between the two films "Breaking Dawn Part 2" and "Life of Pi."

"Life of Pi," a beautiful book, has philosophical themes dealing with the nature of the story of being human. It explains the

**Jordan Sigler**



struggle we as a species have attempting to survive in the world and where the supernatural fits in that story.

The movie itself is a masterpiece. It stays true to the original intent of the book and is visually stunning. The numbers it has gained at the box office has only been \$49 million. The film cost \$120 million to produce and has an 87 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, a film-critiquing site.

The unbearable "Twilight" series released its annual film, "Breaking Dawn Part 2" this month. To be fair, I've seen all but this one so far in the series. This last film is necessary to conclude the series because the previous film wasted 117 minutes

to tell a story that could have been made into a 30-minute movie.

This film series and book are based on an overhyped and over-elongated plot. The non-suspenseful drama is tiring after multiple episodes. The love triangle, if it can even be called that, is predictable and uninteresting. The rest of the fantasy follows the same formula.

The books have been a large commercial success, and the films have enjoyed the same success, with fans eager to pay to sit and watch. "Breaking Dawn Part 2" had the same budget as "Life of Pi," and made the money back

easily. Current box office totals are more than \$595 million. The movie currently has a 47 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

These numbers make it easy to see why film studios are willing to give the green light to popular ideas, even though they're not as artistic. They are guaranteed to get their money back on their investment. Films like

"Life of Pi" are more risky, which is why trash like the "Transformers" movies comes out every blockbuster season.

Television shows work the same way. Usually, more creative shows are on cable or outlets like HBO and Showtime. However,

it depresses me when highly reviewed shows like "Parks and Recreation" or "Community" are taken off the air for poor ratings while shows with no plot — I don't mean a cheap plot, I mean no plot — like "Two Broke Girls" get renewed for multiple seasons.

"Community" is a show that takes creative risks, and consequently, it has some of the more creative episodes I've seen on a non-cable network. The show did a two-part episode spoofing the classic western genre by having an epic paintball fight between two local community colleges. Another episode had the characters condensed into video game characters while trying to help a classmate receive his inheritance.

"Parks and Recreation" does a great job of mocking the problems of Washington by creating the problems at the local city government level. The show has a cult following, as does "Com-

munity," with Ron Swanson being a popular 'meme' as an anti-government government worker.

When these shows fail in the ratings because people don't watch them, studios aren't quick to approve creative shows again. They go for the less risky prospective shows. It's the same with book publishers: If you are one of the people complaining there's nothing worth watching or reading, you're probably right, because you probably help support the terrible films or shows your peers watch to fit in with the crowd.

If you want to find something worth your time, look into the ratings first. They aren't the absolute authority on the subject, but they can steer you in the right direction.

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## Walmart should improve treatment of employees

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Where's the only place where one can easily purchase a dress shirt, a basketball and a tomato? The neighborhood Walmart, of course. The world's largest corporation and retailer has expanded at a rapid clip since its first store opened in Arkansas. The company, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, has come to exemplify the distinctly American corporate ethos, yet it is arguably one of the most un-American things that exists today. By its mere existence, Walmart is a prime example of the dangers of unbridled growth. Consumers may benefit, but don't let Walmart's slogan of "everyday low prices" mislead you. There's a much higher price to pay for frequenting this corporation.

After all, why support local businesses and pay more for a slightly higher-quality good when we can just go to Walmart? Why bother about the plight of the Walmart workers? If these workers find the conditions so difficult, can't they just leave their jobs and let others who are more willing fill in for them? In the end, Walmart's just a store, right?

These arguments fuel the Walmart machine. The perennial top dog of the Fortune 500, Walmart reaps profits of approximately \$50 million each day and would rank among the world's 25 largest economies if it were a country. These statistics are the result of Americans' begrudging acceptance of Walmart as necessary to maintain their standards of living. The obvious reason why people shop at Walmart is to obtain everything they need in one place at low prices.

But local businesses aren't the only ones hurt by the perpetuation of this cycle. Employees are made to work unreasonable hours without overtime pay, especially during days like Black Friday. Workers' health benefits are nearly useless, and their market-driven wages make it impos-

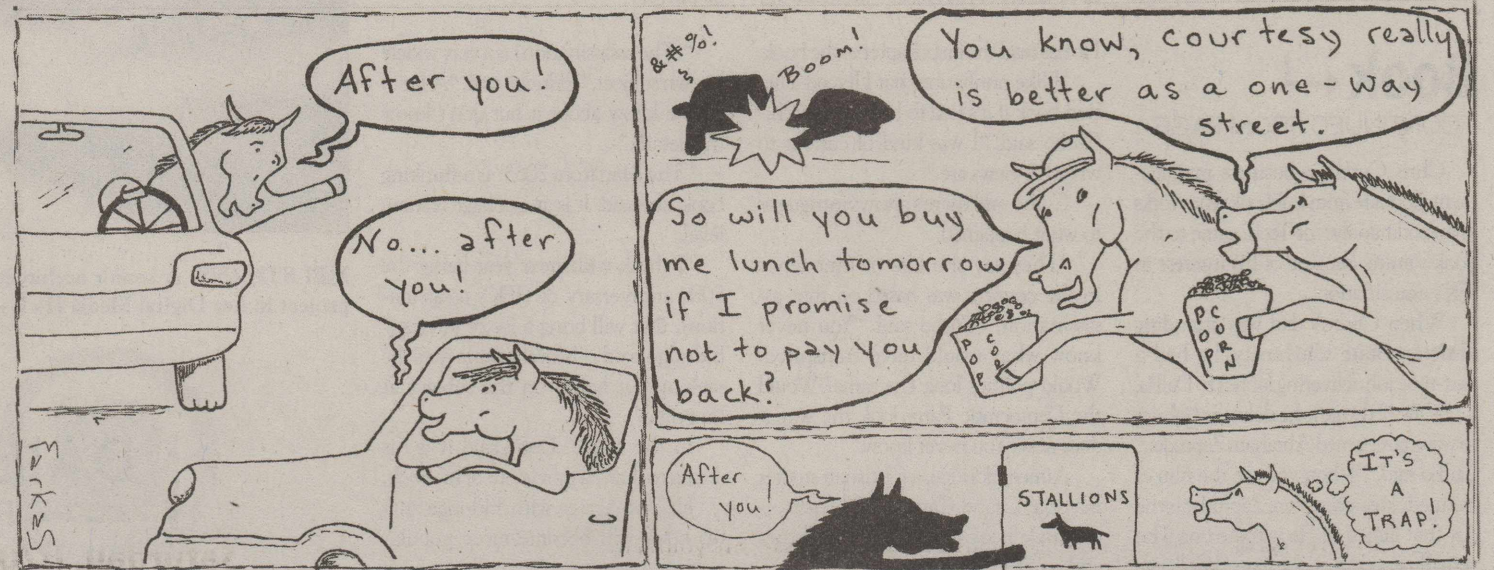
sible for them to support themselves or their families. As a result, many workers who depend on their jobs at Walmart for sustenance and cannot quit are forced to go on government welfare programs. The Winning Words Project estimates that with a dollar increase in wages for Walmart workers, millions of tax dollars could be saved.

If left unchecked, Walmart will continue to stem local business growth and eventually stamp out the unique characteristics of the places where it sets up shop. Recent failed nationwide strikes against Walmart indicate that nothing short of a massive consumer exodus from Walmart or government intervention will have any impact on its unchecked growth and dominance. It actually isn't an extreme thought to conceive of Walmart as a monopoly, similar to Standard Oil in the early 20th century. We find no legitimate reason as to why one family can amass the same wealth as the bottom 41.5 percent of U.S. families combined. Each heir of the Walton fortune would need to spend more than \$350 million a year for the next 40 years to exhaust the family's \$89.5 billion net worth.

Every member of society has an inalienable right to opportunity and life. But Walmart doesn't actually do society a service. It does society a convenience, and it's time that we learned that convenience sometimes comes at a cost.

Hopefully Walmart can learn from Jim Sinegal, the chief executive officer of Costco, who takes prides in the retailer's policy of paying an average hourly wage of \$17 and the fact that it boasts one of the lowest rates of employee turnover for a retail store. Sinegal doesn't even claim that Costco's treatment of employees is motivated by "altruistic" reasons. Rather, he said it is simply "good business." Walmart, by wielding such outsized power, would do society more than enough good by reaching out to the less fortunate and paying their workers a decent wage.

## THE TROTS



BY ANDREA FARKAS

## States filing secession petitions should grow up

**By DAN DESROCHERS**  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

In response to the re-election of President Barack Obama, some people took to the Internet to vent. Some folks declared they would leave the country.

Now, the hip new disappointment tactic is to petition to secede from the union.

The secession movement stems from Texas, where an online petition to secede has more than 93,000 signatures as of Nov. 14 on WhiteHouse.gov.

According to ABCNews, the White House said it will review petitions that collect more than 25,000 signatures in 30 days, like the petition from Texas.

The Obama administration created the "We the People" website in 2011 so that Americans could easily petition for the redress of grievances. So naturally, people in more than 35 states have

started petitions to free their states of the now socialist government of America. Arizona is one of them.

Let's take a moment to think about what the world would be like if Arizona seceded: First of all, Jan Brewer would be the president.

Welcome back to the union. Secession isn't exactly new to Arizona. In 2011, people in Tucson wanted to secede from the state of Arizona to create Baja Arizona. They were driven to make the move because they were tired of the Republican policies of the state, specifically ones that defied the power of the federal government.

Though less far-fetched, because secession from states has happened before without resulting in war (see Maine from Massachusetts and West Virginia from Virginia), the idea was just as ridiculous as current attempts to secede from the union.

It was as though people thought that once Obama was re-elected, the country would turn into an apocalyptic state, where those gay folks getting married would forever destroy straight marriage and all the poor people would knock on the rich people's doors for free money, as if every day were grown-up Halloween.

But people are forgetting a pretty important fact: Obama has already been in office for four years. Things aren't going to start going to hell because he has another four years. In fact, things are probably going to get better.

You know that whole economy thing people are worried about? Prior to the election, a Slate magazine analysis predicted that by maintaining current trends, 7.8 million new jobs would be created, regardless of who won the election. And financial experts predicted that, with some improvements, there will be around 12 million new jobs

created. And you know that universal health care thing everyone is freaking out about? The majority of democratic countries around the world have that. Want to move to Canada? England? Spain? Australia? All of those countries have the same universal health care that you're so angry about.

It's time to come out of your toddler years, and stop throwing a hissy fit every time something doesn't go your way. Secede from the union? That's bullshit. We don't need to be even more divided right now.

Sure, maybe it's the crazy people that actually think about seceding, but we need to cut those crazy people out of the conversation.

Let people who want to secede leave the country to form a new one. They can move to a tropical island and call it Idiotsland. I'll make sure to never visit.

## Political differences must be settled before reaching fiscal cliff

**By THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD**  
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

As the year comes to an end and the holidays quickly approach, there is a lingering shadow over the cheer and jolly that has reinstated the political banter of election campaigning. The

shadow is the upcoming "fiscal cliff" that will follow the ball dropping in Times Square on New Year's Day.

Unless both sides of the political aisle can agree on a deficit plan to prevent the federal government from going over the metaphorical cliff, the country will face automatic budget cuts to the defense budget and programs

such as Medicare and the Federal Pell Grant Program — an important issue for students to pay attention to. These changes are a direct result of the Budget Control Act of 2011 going into effect — the congressional response to the country nearing the debt ceiling and not coming to a compromise on whether to raise it or not — and the

expiration of tax cuts passed during George W. Bush's time in office.

Just as tempers raged in the months leading up to the election, lawmakers continue to prove that bipartisan antics hindering productivity have just as much of a stronghold on the political landscape afterward — even in the face of economic turmoil.

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## Raider Red excels in Capital One's college mascot challenge

By **KATELIN KELLY**  
STAFF WRITER

The spirit and morale of college game days can be portrayed through fans, spirit squads and mascots.

To honor the mascot with the most spirit and school support in the nation, Capital One has hosted the Capital One National Mascot of the Year challenge since 2002.

This year, eight mascots remain in the playoffs, according to the Capital One Bowl website. Of the eight mascots, Texas Tech's Raider Red remains in the running to win the \$20,000 grand prize.

Stephanie Rhode, spirit program director, said she votes for Raider Red for hours at a time.

"It is really, I think, remarkable what our fans have done," Rhode said, "how they have jumped behind us and they've voted and they keep voting every day."

Currently, Raider Red is placed second overall, behind South Carolina's mascot, Cocksy.

Rhode said Cocksy has 117,000 followers on Facebook, while Raider Red has about 3,000, which she said she believes highlights the remarkable turnout of votes for Raider Red.

"It's amazing really that we've kept up," Rhode said.

Some universities have participated in the mascot challenge for multiple years, Rhode said. But for Raider Red, this marks the first year of his participation in the challenge.

"People have really rallied behind

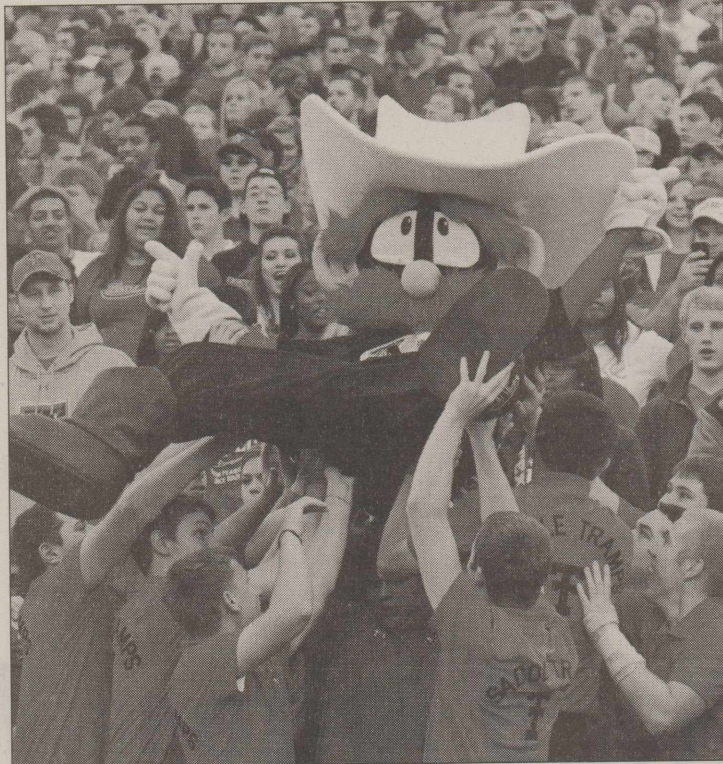


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Raider Red made the top eight in the Capital One National Mascot of the Year Challenge. Grand Prize winner receives \$20,000.

Raider Red, and that's so encouraging," Rhode said, "and you know, I work with Raider Red every day, and I know how much I love Raider Red, and I know how much Raider Red means to the university."

Rhode said votes for Raider Red have been promoted through the help of the athletics department, classroom visits, posters, event appearances and more.

"We all know we've got the best mascot in the country," Rhode said, "and we all know that Texas Tech is the best school in the country, and we're very proud of that, and the reason for all of this is to let schools and people across the nation know who Raider Red is and what Texas Tech is about."

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"Anything in this sports medicine field that you want to do, you won't learn unless you are hands-on," Lisbona said, "because watching it is one thing, but you don't really know how it feels until you do it yourself."

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## Attorney expects Lindsay Lohan will be cleared in New York City case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan was charged Thursday with crimes in New York and Los Angeles, marking her latest setbacks as she tries to revive her career and avoid a return to jail.

Prosecutors in Santa Monica charged Lohan with three misdemeanors related to a June accident. Hours earlier, the actress was arrested and charged with third-degree assault, also a misdemeanor, after a woman was punched in a New York City nightclub.

The California charges came about six months after Lohan's Porsche crashed into the back of a dump truck. She told police her assistant was driving, but detectives now believe the actress was behind the wheel as she headed to a movie set.

In that case, Lohan, 26, was charged with lying to police, reckless driving and obstructing a police officer from performing duties.

Lohan's California attorney, Shawn Holley, said she could not comment on the crash-related charges.

In New York, her attorney Mark Heller said he expects the assault charge to be dismissed.

"Once again, Lindsay Lohan is a victim of someone trying to capture their 15 minutes of fame," Heller wrote in a statement. "From my initial investigation, I am completely confident that this case will be concluded favorably and that Lindsay will be totally exonerated."

The California charges could trigger another probation violation for Lohan, who was ordered to stay out of trouble when she was released from supervised probation in March after being convicted of the misdemeanor theft of a necklace and two DUI charges.

Since then she has been arrested twice in New York, crashed her car on Pacific Coast Highway, been treated by paramedics in her hotel room, and gotten in an argument with her mother that prompted a 911 call.

None of the events are likely what the clearly relieved actress anticipated in March when she thanked Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner, who warned the actress that she could face up to 245 days in jail if she violated her probation again.

"You need to live your life in a more mature way, stop the nightclubbing

and focus on your work," Sautner said.

In recent years, Lohan has been sentenced to the Los Angeles-area women's jail five times. Most of her stays have been short due to overcrowding, and she was allowed to serve 35 days on house arrest in 2011.

Lately, Lohan has been filming two movies and doing a cameo in the latest installment of the "Scary Movie" franchise. The first film, "Liz & Dick," premiered Sunday night on Lifetime to mostly negative reviews.

She was on her way to shoot scenes for "Liz & Dick" in June when her Porsche crashed into the dump truck and the actress was briefly hospitalized. A week later, paramedics were summoned to her hotel room. Her then-publicist Steve Honig attributed the health scare to exhaustion and dehydration.

Lohan relocated to New York after finishing her work on "Liz and Dick" and a Bret Easton Ellis film titled "The Canyons" was complete.

Her arrest at 4 a.m. EST Thursday was the latest by New York police since September, when a man accused her of hitting him with her car. Prosecutors did not pursue charges.

## Trainers

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"I'm able to understand what they're going through, both mentally and physically," Olivarez said. "They know I can give them a better

perspective of what to expect after surgery and what kind of rehab they're going to go through."

Lisbona said she believes being a student athletic trainer is a great way to apply what is being learned in the classroom to her work.

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16 UCLA @ 8 Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	UCLA
★ 2 Alabama vs. 3 Georgia	Georgia	Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia
18 Texas @ 6 Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Texas	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State
21 N. Illinois vs. 17 Kent State	N. Illinois	Kent State	Kent State	Kent State	N. Illinois	Kent State	N. Illinois	Kent State	Kent State
12 Nebraska vs. Wisconsin	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Wisconsin	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska

## Rangers keeping contact with Hamilton's agent

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rangers general manager Jon Daniels has maintained contact with Josh Hamilton's agent, and said Thursday that the slugger's free agency process has gone as expected so far.

"I think the interest has been consistent," Daniels said. "The process that we agreed to really back in the spring, when we tabled negotiations at that point, was that Josh was going to test the market and once he had a sense of that would circle with us, and I think he's still in that process."

Speaking on a conference call in advance of next week's winter meetings, Daniels said that it has worked out well for the Rangers since they are still sorting through some options. But along with that upcoming gathering in Nashville, there are more trades and free-agent

signings being made around the league.

"The market's starting to move," Daniels said. "I would think things on both Josh's end as well as on our end, things we're looking at, I would expect things will start moving a little bit."

Hamilton is a free agent for the first time after hitting a career-high 43 home runs with 128 RBIs in 148 games this past season for Texas. The 2010 AL MVP has hit .304 with 161 homers in his six major league seasons, the last five with the Rangers.

In the meantime, catching and the bullpen are priority issues for the Rangers.

Mike Napoli, who has spent the past two seasons in Texas, is a free agent who has drawn interest from Boston, Seattle and possibly other teams. He met with the Rangers on Wednesday.

# Tech prepares to battle No. 9 Arizona Wildcats

By MEGAN KETTERER  
STAFF WRITER

With the basketball season progressing, the Texas Tech Red Raiders (4-0, 0-0) face a potentially tough opponent at 7 p.m. this Saturday in the United Spirit Arena: the No. 9 team in the country, the Arizona Wildcats (4-0, 0-0).

The team is preparing the same way they do for every game, Tech coach Chris Walker said, and they are looking forward to the competition Arizona will bring to Lubbock.

"They are going to bring a lot of size, a lot of athletic ability," he said. "They have some really good players that will play on the next level one day. It's going to be a great challenge for us."

This will be the first game Arizona will play not on their home court, Walker said, and with four true freshmen on their team, playing on the road can make a difference.

"I think the court will really shrink with a lot of people here. It will be a great atmosphere," he said. "We are looking forward to playing a team of Arizona's magnitude. We're going to be fired up and we're looking forward to it."

The fans will make all the difference in this game, junior forward Jaye Crockett said, and he encourages all Tech basketball fans to come out and support the team.

Crockett led the team off the bench against Jackson State on Monday with 20 points and eight

rebounds.

"(The game) is a great opportunity," he said. "It's a test for us to play at higher competition and just to show people that we can play at this level, and that we're not, like, the stepchild of the Big 12."

The chemistry of the team has come together, sophomore forward Jordan Tolbert said, due in part to Crockett's leadership.

"I like the way he leads," Tolbert said. "He comes off the bench and gives us a spark."

Crockett has been playing efficiently, Walker said, and has dramatically helped the team off the bench both offensively and defensively this season.

It will be critical for the team to be strong on defense, Walker said,

because he wants the Red Raiders to score on transition and stop the Wildcats from getting to the basket.

He is confident the team's points will come from strong defense, he said.

With Arizona ranked this season, Walker said, this gives Tech players an opportunity to showcase their talent, especially with the game being aired on ESPN.

The competition Arizona will bring to Lubbock will bring out the best of this Tech team, Tolbert said.

"They probably have the same amount of talent as us," he said. "It's going to be a challenge, but we're preparing for it like it's just another game. We are going to play Texas Tech basketball."

Being on ESPN and playing a ranked team is what playing in college is all about, Crockett said, but it is important to remember it is just another game on the schedule.

"These are the types of games we have been preparing ourselves for," Walker said. "The number nine team coming into our campus is difficult. For us, we're just going to come out play together, play smart and play with pride. Like I said with Jackson State, it's the next game on the schedule, and that's what I feel about Arizona."

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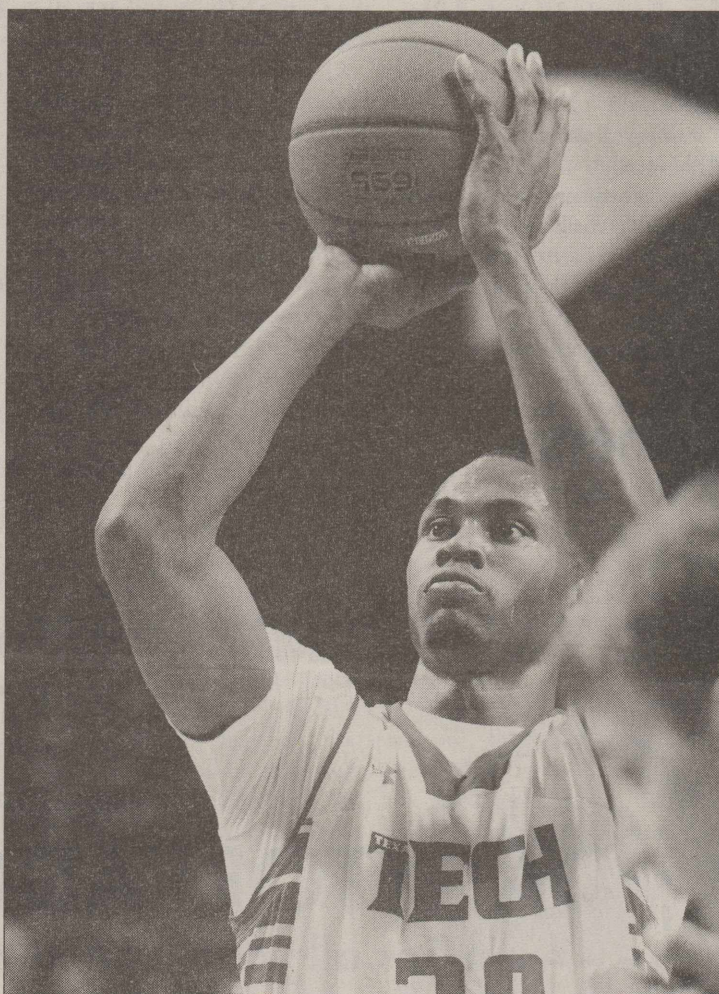


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jaye Crockett shoots a free throw during the Red Raider's 91-63 victory against the Mavericks Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- John and Paul
- Capital on its own gulf
- Bar or bel intro
- Imminent, old-style
- Shots served nearby?
- Country on its own gulf
- Mimic mackerel?
- Tolled
- Seed cover
- Tony winner Roger
- Many an Everly Brothers hit
- "-hoof"
- Mimic masquerades?
- Early Pilgrim family
- Ready
- County bordering Mayo
- Fairy tale threat
- Mimic magazine managers?
- The gamut
- Obtain despite resistance
- Key of Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 24
- European tourists' rentals
- Mimic masquerades?
- "we having fun yet?"
- Like much mouthwash
- Pearl Buck heroine
- "Dangl"
- uncertain terms
- Mimic miseries?
- Bread brushed with ghee
- Stationary surgical patient
- Rival of Helena
- In addition
- "The War of the Worlds" foe
- Slurpee cousins

**DOWN**

- Tropical fruits
- Regular
- Rank below marquis
- Capacity-exceeding letters
- Gold-medalist decathlete Johnson
- Less receptive
- Painter's undercoat
- Wednesday
- Back fin
- Sands, in a way
- Taper, e.g.
- Gulp down
- Speaker of Cooperstown
- Crude mess.
- Letter run
- Finn floater
- 27 problem?
- Wrong, with "all"
- Meter opening
- Dick Cheney's eldest
- Blabs
- Has a mortgage, say
- Tourist's options: Abbr.
- Break up

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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## Texans winning despite weak rush

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston defense was a major hit, literally, in its first year under Wade Phillips, finishing the 2011 season with a franchise-record 44 sacks.

Statistically, this year's defense stacks up well with last year's unit, and defensive end J.J. Watt has emerged as one of the NFL's top pass rushers, now second in the league with 14 1/2. But the pass rush has tapered off as a whole in recent weeks, and the defense has yielded big passing numbers as an indirect result.

Watt had a career-high three sacks in Houston's 34-31 overtime win over Detroit on Thanksgiving. Take him away, and the rest of the Texans have only 15 1/2 sacks all season and now outside linebacker Brooks Reed, who has 2 1/2, is out indefinitely with a groin injury.

The Texans (10-1) have still kept right on winning and can clinch a playoff berth with win at Tennessee (4-7) on Sunday. But the defense can't ignore the fact that it's given up an average of 395.5 yards passing and six touchdowns in the last two games.

"I'm proud of my boys, because each week, got to find a way to win, and we keep winning," defensive end Antonio Smith said. "But you can't just sit and act like the yardage didn't happen, the touchdowns didn't happen. A lot of the things we have not let happen this year, we let happen in the last two weeks."

"The defense that we are, we take pride in being one of the best," Smith said. "We definitely want to get that fixed, get a stop."

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