

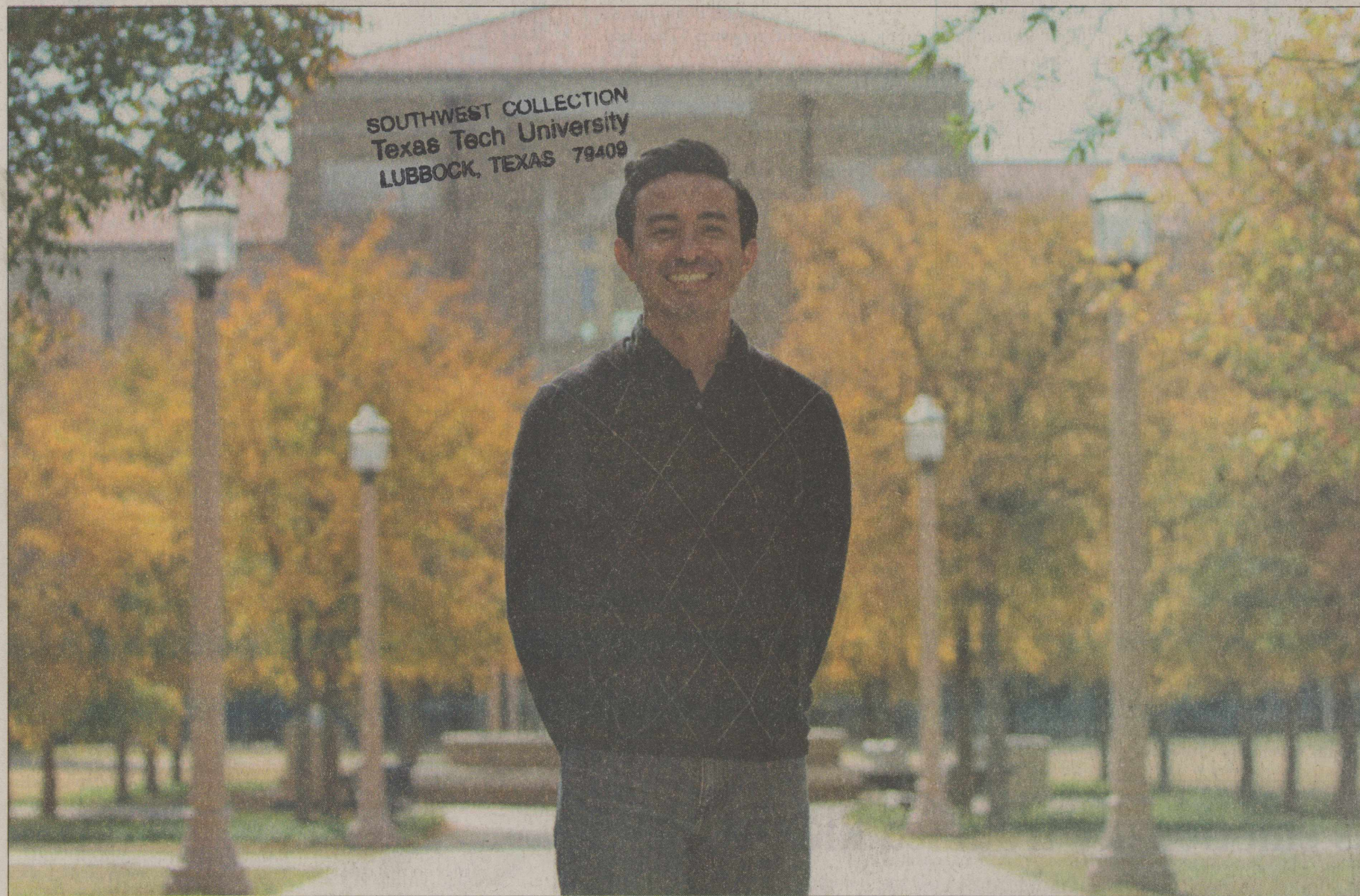
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RUBEN QUESADA, A creative writing doctoral student, had his book of poetry published in August.

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## Living Poetically

### 3 Tech creative writing students publish books

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Poetry may not be the most popular graduate degree at Texas Tech, but it is one of the most well-funded here and in the nation, according to *Poets and Writers Magazine*.

Three of Tech's doctoral creative writing students recently published

books of poetry and are back at work on their next publications.

Christine Kitano and Ruben Quesada, both graduate instructors at Tech, and Jessica Daigle Martin, an instructor at South Plains College, are working toward their doctorates, teaching classes and writing poetry for their dissertations, which likely will form the bases for their second books.

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PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador  
JESSICA DAIGLE MARTIN, an English doctoral student from Lafayette, La., specializing in creative writing and poetry, released a book in September.

## Tech offers Toys for Tickets

### Parking services to dismiss citations for contributions

By ASHLYN TUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

Now students have the perfect excuse not to pay for their parking tickets.

Instead of coughing up money to Texas Tech University Park-

ing Services each time a yellow ticket appears on their windshields, students now have the option to dismiss their tickets by bringing in toys to donate to the Toys for Tickets campaign.

"This is a good way to take care of tickets as well as kids in need,"

said Heather Medley, the marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services. "It's good both ways."

University Parking Services, in conjunction with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, will offer this opportunity until Dec. 5. All toys donated will be presented as Christmas presents to less fortunate children across Lubbock.

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## Dowdy earns All-Big 12 First Team honors again

### Senior ends career 2nd in Tech kills, attempts

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Amanda Dowdy has accomplished many firsts for the Texas Tech volleyball team, and she accomplished another Monday.

For the second consecutive season, the senior was named to the All-Big 12 First Team.

Head coach Don Flora said Dowdy deserves the award because of her growth as a player this season and for her versatility.

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### TechBriefly

#### Tech creates Neuroimaging Institute

The Experimental Sciences building is now home to a new state-of-the-art facility, the Texas Tech Neuroimaging Institute. The institute is part of a collaboration with members of the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research, the College of Engineering and Tech's Health Sciences Center.

The institute was created to provide researchers with brain- and body-imaging technology, such as MRIs, EEGs and DTI data. The researchers with the TTNI are working to delve into different concepts of brain study, including testing children with ADHD and autism, and uncovering details about psychological issues such as anxiety, depression and addiction.

Yi-Yuan Tang, a professor in the Department of Psychology, was named director of the TTNI and will assume his post in January.

#### University joins climate sciences collaboration

Texas Tech has become part of a broad-based scientific collaboration with other universities and organizations across Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma to study the effects of climate change on the Earth's natural resources and environment.

The South-Central Climate Sciences Center was created by the U.S. Department of the Interior and is one of eight being established in the nation. The South-Central Climate Sciences Center is led by the University of Oklahoma and is also comprised of Louisiana State University, Oklahoma State University and Princeton University.

Some of the issues researchers plan to address involve ecosystem restoration, fish and wildlife responses to climate change, water availability and the protection of cultural resources.

#### Tech works to boost game warden careers

Texas Tech's Department of Natural Resources Management is collaborating with South Plains College to build a transfer program designed to fill the needs of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, as well as similar departments across the United States.

Requirements to be a game warden changed five years ago, forcing game wardens to have a four-year degree, usually in criminal justice.

Tech and SPC plan to do things differently by having students take two years at SPC to obtain their associate's degrees in criminal justice and then having them transfer to Tech for an additional two years for education in natural resources management.

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

#### Global Health Lecture

**Time:** Noon  
**Where:** Health Sciences Center, Academic Classroom building, Room 150  
**So, what is it?**

As a part of the Health Sciences Center Office of International Affairs and the International Medicine Club's Global Health Lecture series, Tim McCall will talk about his experiences in establishing care in a new community and practicing Third World medicine.

#### Student Government: Arts and Sciences Town Hall

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building  
**So, what is it?**  
Student Government Association Senators from the College of Arts and Sciences will host

its first "Town Hall" meeting to introduce themselves to their constituents, educate them about SGA and to answer any questions.

#### Botticelli String Quartet

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Enjoy this faculty chamber recital.

#### Heads vs. Feds: The Debate Over Legalizing Marijuana

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building, Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
Tech Activities Board invites students to participate in the debate about the legalization of marijuana.

### WEDNESDAY

**Tuned-In Teaching: Recogniz-**

#### ing and Improving Classroom Dynamics

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Teaching, Learning and Technology Center  
**So, what is it?**  
Join Troy Lescher at this workshop to learn strategies that can refine your relationship and interactions with your students to help you stay tuned in to student learning.

#### Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Texas State

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Texas State.

#### Celebrate Diversity Scholarship Dinner Featuring Terrence Howard

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Merket Alumni Center

**So, what is it?**  
Oscar nominee, Terrence Howard will be the keynote speaker at the Celebrate Diversity Scholarship Dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center at Doak Hall, Room 101.

#### Free Movie Feature

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building, Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
Tech Activities Board invites students to watch "The Help."

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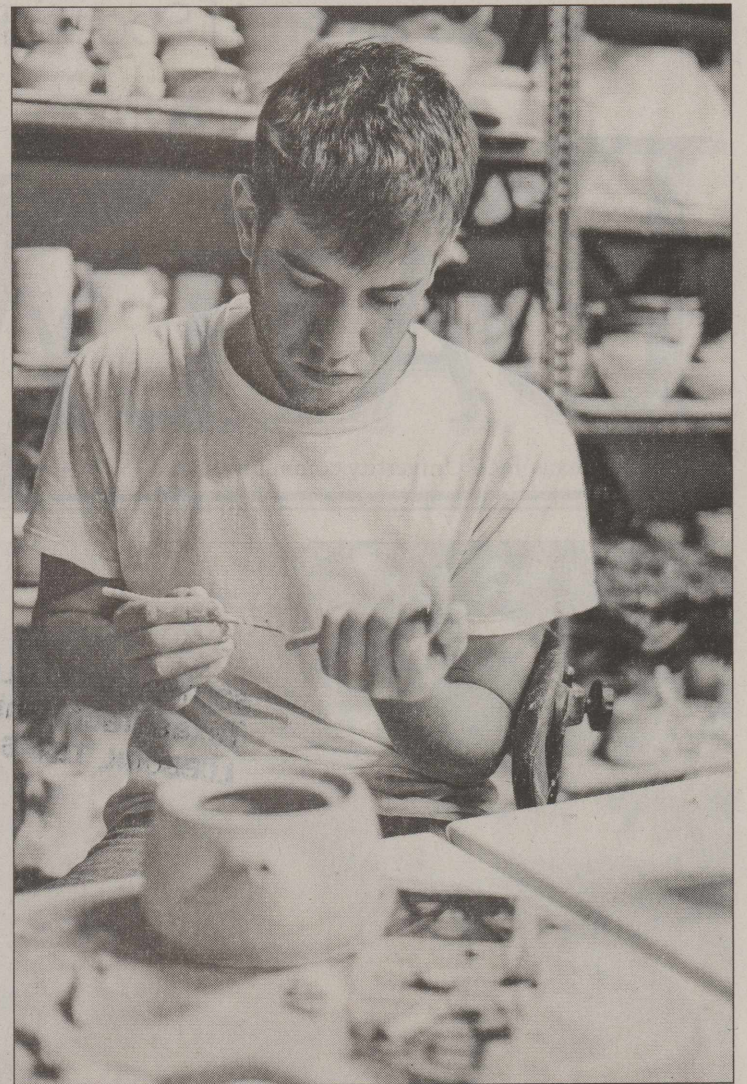


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DANIEL GUNN, A junior studio art major from Levelland, works on attaching a handle to a clay teapot in the Art 3-D Annex on Monday for his Introduction to Wheel class.

## Voting starts in Egypt's landmark elections

CAIRO (AP) — Voting began on Monday in Egypt's first parliamentary elections since long-time authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak was ousted in a popular uprising nine months ago.

The vote is a milestone many Egyptians hope will usher in a democratic age after decades of dictatorship.

But the ballot has already been marred by turmoil in the streets, and the population is sharply polarized and confused over the nation's direction.

Still, the vote promises to be the fairest and cleanest election in Egypt in living memory. The Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest and best organized group, along with its Islamist allies are expected to do well in the vote.

Voters stood in long lines outside some polling centers in Cairo well before they opened at 8 a.m. local time, a rare sign of interest in political participation after decades of apathy created by the mass rigging of every vote.

"I am voting for freedom.

We lived in slavery. Now we want justice in freedom," said 50-year-old Iris Nawar as she was about to vote in the district of Maadi, a Cairo suburb.

"We are afraid of the Muslim Brotherhood. But we lived for 30 years under Mubarak, we will live with them too," said Nawar, a first-time voter.

In the upscale neighborhood of Zamalek, some 500 voters waited in line outside a polling station at a school. Shahira Ahmed, 45, was there with her

husband and daughter. Like Nawar, Ahmed had never cast a ballot before.

"I never voted because I was never sure it was for real. This time, I hope it is, but I am not positive. The most important thing is to have a liberal and a civilized country, I mean no fanatics," she said, alluding to the Islamists, who hope their domination of the next parliament will bring them closer to realizing their dream of creating an Islamic Egypt.

## Drug war sends emotionally troubled kids to Texas

EL PASO (AP) — The classroom falls silent as the teacher explains that victims of violence go through specific psychological stages in the aftermath of an attack. Most of these students, though, don't need a lecture to understand the lesson. It's part of their everyday lives.

Many of the teens came to the U.S. seeking refuge from Mexico's drug war, which made violence a constant companion since childhood.

"I've been through all three stages: impact, recoil, reorganization of my life," 17-year-old Alan Garcia told the class before breaking down in tears. "My mom goes in and out of recoil stage."

As the war enters its sixth year, it's bringing a new problem to Texas

schools: Thousands of students suffering from emotional troubles not unlike those endured by soldiers returning from battle. In response, some districts have started offering the type of classes and counseling more common to the military.

"What you see happening in Iraq or Afghanistan is the same that's happening here in the border. This is not a war like those, but still you have people fleeing their country," said Clara Contreras, coordinator of the Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities program at the Texas Education Agency in Edinburg, Texas.

Many of the students were mugged or witnessed a shootout. Others had family members kidnapped, or they have been ex-

ported by gangs that run rampant in Juarez, a city of 1.3 million directly across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

As Garcia speaks, the class nods. Nearly all of the 17 kids with ties to Juarez have experienced the same anguish.

Kathy Ortega, director of counseling for the El Paso district, said officials do not keep track of how many students traumatized by border violence seek help, but the number includes both kids who have moved to Texas and others who still live in border cities but cross into the U.S. for school.

"Many of the families, because of the fear factor, won't reach out to us," Ortega said. Families are afraid that if their children speak with counselors, they could be identified by the people they escaped from.

Since the Mexican government launched an offensive on drug cartels in December 2006, more than 35,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence. The cartels'

terror tactics include hanging people from bridges, beheading enemies and dissolving victims in acid.

Over that time, teachers and counselors on the Texas border have seen scores of traumatized children and teens.

The emotional difficulties affect them "in many areas of academic performance," said Alma Leal, professor of counseling at the University of Texas at Brownsville and coordinator for counseling and guidance of the Brownsville Independent School District. They suffer from poor discipline, lack any sense of security and fear losing loved ones.

Richard Barajas, a former chief justice for the Eighth District Court of Appeals, is director of advanced studies at Cathedral High School, where Garcia's class meets. He started teaching "Principles of Victimology" last year after two students were killed in Juarez.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Students arrested for marijuana possession

**Thursday**  
No entries on this date.

**Friday**  
No entries on this date.

**Saturday**  
No entries on this date.

**Sunday**  
11:27 p.m. — Following an investigation into odors of marijuana emanating from a room in Gates Hall, a Texas Tech police officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana and for the

possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Detention Center.

11:38 p.m. — A Tech police officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a fictitious driver's license following an investigation into odors of marijuana emanating from a room in Coleman Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Detention Center.

Provided by BJ Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

## Toys

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"Whether you have a citation or not, it's a fantastic program to contribute to," Medley said.

In order to receive the dismissal, the new and unwrapped toy must be of equal or greater value than the citation fine and a store receipt must be presented at the time of the donation. The children receiving the toys vary from infants to 15-year-olds.

"I think this is a great idea, and it will actually benefit kids who need the toys," said Caitlyn Sharp, a freshman agriculture communications major from Lubbock. "If I get a parking citation any time soon, I will definitely do this."

Drop-off locations are at all seven university entry stations, as well as the University Parking Services office, which is open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Medley said a majority of people will donate the toys this week.

"The cool thing about this program is we always give more toys than citations," she said.

"The Tech community is so generous and we're appreciative of that. Otherwise, these kids would not have a Christmas."

Students are only issued one citation dismissal, Medley said. This does not include violations 16, 17 or 18. Monetary donations to the campaign are also not accepted.

The Tech Graduate School is also enabling students to contribute to the Toys for Tots campaign.

"I got permission three weeks ago, and that's when we started putting up notifications," said Shelby Cearley, a senior admissions adviser for the Graduate School. "We've actually had a pretty good turnout for how early it is."

Students who do not have parking citations who would still like to donate toys can drop toys off to the Graduate School's offices in Holden Hall. Dec. 14 is the deadline to drop off any donations.

"It's a nice way for us to contribute back," Cearley said. "We can play Santa Clause for some needy kids in the South Plains."

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Postseason gridiron game, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in starred answers
- 5 Baseball card brand
- 10 Young men
- 14 Tiny battery
- 15 Well-honed
- 16 Vicinity
- 17 "Sign of a typing mistake"
- 19 Dogpatch possessive
- 20 Country singer
- 21 Ostrich cousins
- 23 Quick swim
- 24 Before, before
- 25 "Indigent's request"
- 29 Nine-digit ID
- 30 Ready
- 31 Not a good area for nonswimmers
- 32 Rehab woes, briefly
- 34 Also-ran
- 35 Little demon
- 38 "Wizard's game in the rock opera 'Tommy'"
- 41 B'way sellout sign
- 42 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
- 44 ID checker's concern
- 45 An original Mouseketeer
- 48 Séance sound
- 50 Make a choice
- 53 "Street urchin"
- 55 "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper
- 56 AOL chats
- 57 California wine valley
- 58 Church chorus
- 60 Playwright Simon
- 62 "Chain for plus-size women's fashion"
- 65 Automaker
- 66 "What's in \_\_\_?": Juliet
- 67 Orchard grower
- 68 Fret
- 69 Pert

By Kelly Clark 11/29/11

#### Monday's Puzzle Solved

**DOWN**

- 1 Moistens in the pan
- 2 Mary John Wayne movies
- 3 President Harding
- 4 Lion's den
- 5 Taoist Lao
- 6 "Well, looksee here!"
- 7 Road repair worker
- 8 Future doc's undergrad concentration
- 9 Smarten (up)
- 10 "Well, ... ch-dahl"
- 11 Desert feature
- 12 Fashion world VIP
- 13 Los Angeles bay named for an apostle
- 18 Smooch
- 22 Turtle's protection
- 28 Salon service often paired with a mani
- 27 Memo-routing abbr.

28 Gi's address

33 Entrepreneur-aiding org.

35 Makes believe

36 Memorial structure

37 Peewee

38 Eucharistic plate

39 Farming prefix

40 "Look before you

43 On a pension: Abbr.

46 Sung syllables

47 Francia neighbor

49 Bartlett or Soso

50 Chicago Fire Mrs.

51 In a sty, say

52 Exam taker

54 Family matriarchs

59 Fable

61 Sad

63 911 response initials

64 Ottoman governor

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## Poetry ←

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"I always liked writing, even as a kid," said Kitano, a Los Angeles native and graduate of the University of California-Riverside and Syracuse University. "I liked to read a lot and I think the next natural step from that was writing my own stories."

Quesada, on the other hand, was first attracted to astronomy, physics and time travel.

"I didn't decide I wanted to major in writing until my senior year in high school," said Quesada, who has two creative writing degrees from UC-Riverside. "I won a writing contest sponsored by the *Los Angeles Times*. That was really the moment where I realized I could do this outside of a classroom structure."

Martin, of Lafayette, La., has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in education from the University of Louisiana.

She said she cycled through a few career paths before settling on a specialization in poetry, having considered careers in law, design and photography.

After receiving her bachelor's degree, Martin said she was often asked about what she planned to do with her degree, to which she replied, "Good question. I'm not sure."

Eventually, she settled on furthering her education.

"I thought I might like to teach high school and gifted kids," she said. "Then, I decided I wanted a Ph.D."

Each poet began writing for their master's theses as inspired by their personal lives and families.

Kitano said she believes this subject matter is common among young writers and often serves as the initial inspiration for many first books.

From there, Kitano, Quesada and Martin took different paths to publishing.

Quesada's "Next Extinct Animal," which is about the trials of first generations and personal losses, was submitted to a number of small and independent publishers starting in 2007.

Greenhouse Review Press, a company run by a professor from

the University of California-Santa Cruz, eventually picked up Quesada's manuscript and released it in August. It is available on Amazon.com.

Similarly, Martin began submitting to a few publishing contests.

She is the 2010 finalist for the Copperdome Poetry Chapbook Competition and was published by Southeastern Missouri State University Press. "Always After Our Fall" focuses on women, ranging from famous figures like Mary Magdalene to Martin's own mother and grandmother.

"If I get a rejection letter, I say, 'Oh well. I'll try somewhere else,'" Martin said. "A lot of really good writers are rejected and it's for different reasons, really."

Kitano's "Birds of Paradise" was inspired by her third-generation Japanese heritage and her struggle to understand her family's past. Also available on Amazon.com, the book was published with the aid of a professor at UC-Riverside who showed her manuscript to Lynx House Press. After a year of revisions, the book was published in June.

"Usually, the first draft is no good, but you see images and ideas you want to develop," Kitano said of the process. "You just keep working on those until you get an acceptable version of a poem."

On why they chose Tech, their votes were unanimous.

Even with many creative writing doctoral programs offered in the country, Tech stood out to them.

"Tech has the best financial package and they also offer the best teaching opportunities," Kitano said.

Quesada echoed Kitano's sentiments.

"School is expensive," he said. "Tech has great funding and there are not as many distractions in Lubbock."

As a final piece of advice, Martin said she advises writers to read, specifically in the genres they want to write in.

"We hear it time and time again," Martin said. "Writing doesn't happen in a vacuum, and if you're not reading, your style won't grow."

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## CARVING CREATION



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YULIA MAKAROVA, A printmaking graduate student from Moscow, Russia, carves out wood for a project on Monday in the Art building.

## Doctor to be sentenced for Michael Jackson's death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's doctor will face the singer's distraught family and ardent fans out more time when he returns to court for sentencing in the death of the superstar from an overdose of an operating-room anesthetic he was receiving to battle insomnia.

Dr. Conrad Murray's sentencing Tuesday for involuntary manslaughter is the final step in the criminal case launched within days of Jackson's unexpected death in June 2009.

Prosecutors want a judge to sentence the 58-year-old Murray to the maximum four-year prison term. Defense attorneys counter that Murray already faces a lifetime of shame and diminished opportunities and should receive probation.

How long Murray might remain behind bars depends on the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, which would base the decision on good behavior and other factors.

Even without overcrowding and a new state law that will send Murray to county jail rather than prison, a four-year sentence could be cut in half by good behavior.

It remained unclear Monday whether Jackson's family will speak during

the sentencing hearing. His mother Katherine and several siblings routinely attended the six-week trial that ended with the conviction on Nov. 7.

Prosecutors portrayed Murray as an incompetent doctor who administered propofol — an extremely potent anesthetic normally used during surgery — in Jackson's bedroom without adequate safeguards and botched his care when things went wrong.

The prosecution is also seeking restitution for Jackson's three children and filed a statement from the singer's estate stating the cost of the singer's funeral was more than \$1.8 million. The letter also notes that Jackson would have earned \$100 million if he had performed a planned series of comeback concerts in London.

The doctor's fate lies with Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor, who will determine the sentence and had harsh words for Murray on the day he was convicted.

"Dr. Murray's reckless conduct in this case poses a demonstrable risk to the safety of the public," Pastor said before the Houston-based cardiologist was led from the courtroom in handcuffs.

Pastor also could address Murray's

decision to participate in a documentary that was filmed throughout the trial and aired days after Murray's conviction.

Murray states in the film that aired on MSNBC, under the title "Michael Jackson and the Doctor: A Fatal Friendship," that he doesn't feel guilty about the singer's death because he doesn't think he did anything wrong.

Prosecutors cited Murray's comments in their filing last week urging the judge to impose the maximum sentence.

"Finally, the defendant consistently blames the victim for his own death," the prosecutors said, "even going so far as to characterize himself as being 'entrapped' by the victim and as someone who suffered a 'betrayal' at the hands of the victim."

Murray's attorneys are relying largely on statements from his former patients to portray Murray in a softer light and win a lighter sentence.

"There is no question that the death of his patient, Mr. Jackson, was unintentional and an enormous tragedy for everyone affected," defense attorneys wrote in their sentencing memo. "Dr. Murray has been described as a changed, grief-stricken man, who walks

around under a pall of sadness since the loss of his patient, Mr. Jackson."

Pastor also will review a report by probation officials that carries a sentencing recommendation. The report will become public after Murray is sentenced.

The report may also feature input from Murray, who chose not to testify in his own defense during the trial but was heard in a lengthy interview recorded by police.

Murray's trial was closely watched by Jackson's fans in the courtroom, on social networking sites and via live broadcasts online and on television.

The trial detailed the final hours of Jackson and portrayed him as a talented genius suffering from debilitating insomnia.

The singer selected Murray as his personal physician, and the doctor began giving Jackson nightly doses of propofol two months before the singer's death.

Several doctors who testified during the trial, including Murray's own hired propofol expert, said they would not have given Jackson the treatments in his bedroom and that Murray violated the standard of care multiple times.

## 'Twilight' keeps shining with \$42M second weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The latest "Twilight" movie has plenty of daylight left with a second-straight win at the weekend box office.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" took in \$42 million domestically over the three-day weekend and \$62.3 million in the five-day Thanksgiving boom time from Wednesday to Sunday. That raised its domestic total to \$221.3 million, while the Summit Entertainment release added \$71.5 million overseas to lift the international total to \$268 million and the worldwide take to \$489.3 million.

Debuting at No. 2 was Disney's family flick "The Muppets," with \$29.5 million for the three-day weekend and \$42 million over the five-day holiday haul.

Three other family films rounded out the top-five: the Warner Bros. sequel "Happy Feet Two" at No. 3 with a three-day total of \$13.4 million and \$18.4 million for five days; Sony's animated comedy "Arthur Christmas" at No. 4 with \$12.7 million for three days and \$17 million for five days; and Paramount's epic adventure "Hugo" at No. 5 with \$11.4 million for three days and \$15.4 million for five days.

Between "Breaking Dawn" and the blitz of family films, analysts thought Hollywood had a shot at record revenue over Thanksgiving, one of the year's busiest weekends at movie theaters. But viewers did not come in anywhere close to record numbers.

"I was pretty surprised by this. I just thought this was the perfect combination of films in the marketplace," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "Maybe there was just too much out there."

Domestic revenue totaled \$234 million from Wednesday to Sunday, well below the \$273 million record set two years ago, when "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" led the Thanksgiving weekend, according to Hollywood.com. Receipts also fell short of last

Thanksgiving's \$264 million haul, when "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" finished on top.

Studio executives concede it's growing harder to lure fans into theaters given all the portable games, devices and other electronics people have to fill up their entertainment time. A so-so Thanksgiving on a weekend with such a good variety of movies could be a sign that Hollywood simply has to live with diminished expectations.

"I don't know that choice is ever a bad thing, and in terms of a weekend for families, this is one of the best," said Dave Hollis, head of distribution for Disney, which brought "The Muppets" back to the big-screen after a 12-year absence. "The challenge is breaking through and being relevant and meaningful and fresh enough to take the more finicky customers and have them choose you."

Disney reported that "The Muppets" drew a good mix of families and couples without children who fondly remember Kermit, Miss Piggy and the rest of the gang on "The Muppet Show." The film stars Jason Segel and Amy Adams as fans helping to reunite the Muppets for a telethon to save their decaying studio.

"Breaking Dawn" was holding close to the pattern set by "New Moon" two years ago, though domestic revenues were off slightly. Factoring in higher ticket prices since "New Moon," the audience shrank even further for "Breaking Dawn."

"I think the audience has changed a bit. Everybody's grown a little older, and I guess we lose a few of our patrons to age," said Richie Fay, head of distribution for Summit.

With no big new releases coming next weekend, though, "Breaking Dawn" has a shot at making up some ground, Fay said.

"Happy Feet Two" has failed to live up to its Academy Award-winning

predecessor, a blockbuster that took in nearly \$200 million domestically. The sequel about dancing penguins has managed just \$43.8 million since opening Nov. 18, a 10-day total that barely matches the opening-weekend gross of the 2006 original.

"Arthur Christmas," from the British animation unit Aardman that made "Chicken Run" and the "Wallace and Gromit" films, has long-haul potential because of its good reviews and holiday story line. The voice cast includes James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie and Jim Broadbent in a Christmas Eve romp about a child's present that falls through the cracks in Santa Claus'

high-tech delivery operation.

"To have the one picture that really is kind of carrying the torch as a Christmas picture really bodes well for the future," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony.

Distributor Paramount has similar long-term hopes for Martin Scorsese's "Hugo," which also has great reviews. Based on a children's book, "Hugo" follows the adventures of an orphan boy who tends the clocks in a Paris train station and becomes caught up in unraveling a mystery that connects a surly old man (Ben Kingsley) and a mechanical automaton the youth is trying to repair.

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## Meaningful use of Internet

We live in an age where the average middle-class person is exposed almost constantly to sources of information and networking opportunities tied to the Internet. The vast majority of us are on Facebook and large percentages of us also use services such as StumbleUpon, Tumblr, Twitter and Google+.

However, a new trend has started to take over. It is difficult to grasp the impact of this new trend because its influence is nearly unlimited and it doesn't exist as something standalone and new. I am talking about consolidation.

Not long ago, Facebook was Facebook, Twitter was Twitter, the Internet was the Internet and television was television. This is changing now in a way we all see on a daily basis, but few of us actually take the time to notice.

To give a good example of what I'm attempting to describe, I cite an eloquent article in *The New York Times* written by Brian Stelter, "Twitter and TV Get Close to Help Each Other Grow." This piece outlines the very new consolidation of media communication channels.

He gives an example using the Fox TV show "The X Factor," stating all one must do to get countless viewer reviews

**Zach Morrison**



and opinions is to type the show's name into Twitter. Later, producer Simon Cowell reads a select few tweets to span the spectrum of opinions. This illustrates just one of the many new ways we are able to get in touch with our entertainment industry far better than we have before.

This phenomenon is happening all over the world in the entertainment industry, but I propose we can use this to our benefit in more than just the aforementioned type of consolidation. If we can develop the type of technology that speaks to just about any other device with an Internet connection, we can use this consolidation for far more than we currently do.

I'm not talking about the

usual stuff like sending an email with a file attached to it from your smartphone to your desktop computer and then moving it onto a flash drive. I am talking about using these communication resources to make the public more informed about features of the world.

These connections can have a profound effect on the way we live our daily lives. Even outside of simple entertainment mediums, these connections could have more profound effects, such as an increase in the average person's involvement in the spread of vital information.

We have almost seven billion people in the world and we leave it to a select few whose jobs are to spread information to do so. In reality, the types of technology we have today democratize the ability to spread information; it is time we take them to another level and begin using them as ways to bring the world community together in a beneficial way.

Of course, let's not forget standard caution and a proportionally increased level of public awareness of dangers of misusing the Internet. But, let us use it nonetheless to perhaps gradually create a more united society that relies on a sort of layman-relevant information exchange.

For example, an article published last year on Science Daily's website shows how social networking sites continually assist with connecting people — both professional and personal — in the wake of various types of disasters. Whether the channel is governmental or public, people are able to get useful news and other information out faster and to more people.

We should not always view the Internet cynically, as is clear of the powers-at-be who support the recently proposed Stop Online Piracy Act. Instead, we should strive to raise public awareness of the benefits of such rapid information transfer beyond simple entertainment and couple it with some common sense about the responsible use of these resources.

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## Don't fear politics in class discussion

By **TRENT KAYS**  
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As an undergraduate student, I once took a course on modern U.S. history from 1939 to the present.

The course was heavily politicized because, according to the instructor, the history of modern America was the history of political dalliances. Politics permeated almost every aspect of the course, and conversations among students about politics were not uncommon.

I remember getting into a conversation with another student about education and politics, and the conversation quickly turned into a rousing debate. As we were debating the place of politics in education, I could sense the discomfort building among my other classmates. It is this discomfort that all students are familiar with, especially in courses that lend themselves to political angles.

The wonderful and scary thing about college is that students — and teachers — never know exactly how a class will progress. Many courses do not start out as overtly political ones, unless the course is one in political science.

While some in education argue that politics has no place in the class-

room, it's not easy to separate ideology from instruction. You can't separate something from what informs it — it's impossible to separate politics from education because education is created, informed and mediated by politics.

Teachers and students both bring their own cultures and understandings to the classroom, and political leanings are integral to both. Often, politics influence how we read texts or understand course material. However, that type of cursory politics in the classroom, the kind that is integral to the culture students and teachers bring, is hardly the most troublesome. Many students and teachers are more concerned with the type of overt politics that comes out during class discussion and debate.

These types of debates often create a contentious environment in classrooms because students and teachers become hyper aware and conscious of what they say, which could lead to them saying very little. The problems this reluctance creates abound. It may cause students and teachers to be uncomfortable, it may cause them to not speak or interject into a conversation and it may disrupt learning. The last problem is of particular concern to me because the primary goal of any classroom and any teacher should be to create a space where learning is encouraged.

As a teacher, I'm always aware of the politics I bring into my classrooms. I've never wanted to force my political views onto my students because that's not my place. My place is to help my students find and secure their own beliefs, their own interests and their own destiny.

There are many times when I disagree with a political point a student brings into a discussion, but I've never put down the student or openly disagreed with the student. I try to use those times as a way to connect to larger issues in and outside of the university. It's important to believe in something, but it's equally important to understand that other beliefs exist.

As a student, I've had teachers blatantly tell me and other students that our political ideology was wrong or our understanding was incorrect. I doubt it was wrong or incorrect but more that we just disagreed with the teacher. Our way of understanding the world was different from the way the teacher understood the world.

I think students should challenge their teachers. Education is not about complacent knowledge saturation. It's about dialogue. It's about give and take, and it's about understanding that no one person is always correct.

There are many different views, even of trivial things. The issue of politics in the classroom only becomes contentious when in-class discussions start to be interpreted as personal attacks. Often, though, these aren't really personal attacks but last-ditch efforts to "win" a discussion or debate.

Most students and teachers remember these types of discussions because it highlights the negatives of overtly bringing politics into the classroom, and it pushes teachers to avoid politics altogether.

Unfortunately, you can never avoid politics, especially in an educational setting. Whether it's the price of soda on campus or the current American

can military engagements, politics cannot be separated from how we understand the world, and therefore, how we understand course material. These issues affect students and teachers at many levels, and those issues don't magically disappear when either enters the classroom. It's ridiculous to think they ever do.

Perhaps the most important thing a teacher can do is mediate the discussion and change the topic if necessary. Students should never be afraid to speak up in class because they feel their understanding will conflict with everyone else's understanding. If they fear such things, then one of the points of education is lost, and the teacher has failed.

Open and civil disagreement about course material and what influences said material should not only be allowed but encouraged. It is only when we are afraid to talk about such things in the classroom that our ideas, concept and understandings of the world fail to evolve and change.

Politics and education are not static; they move, change, adapt and evolve to become something else. The same can be said of students and teachers. Instead of avoiding politics altogether in the classroom, students and teachers should see such discussions as a practical way to connect what they're learning to what happens outside the university.

"I think students should challenge their teachers. Education is not about complacent knowledge saturation. It's about dialogue."

## Illegal Adderall should be considered cheating

By **CHELSEY FRANCIS**  
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With finals and papers looming, it seems like the right time to make the decision, will you or won't you allow chemicals to alter your brain make-up so that you can do better on a paper or final.

Research on Adderall quickly reveals it is considered a highly addictive medication. Typically Adderall is given for attention deficit hyperactive disorder, ADHD. However, the same chemicals in Adderall are also in a medication for narcolepsy. These chemicals, dextroamphetamine and amphetamine, work by changing the amounts of certain chemicals in the brain to produce a different result.

For people who do not have ADHD, Adderall acts like a stimulant. Although stimulants increase attentiveness, they also increase heart rates, sometimes at a rate too high to be safe. Other side effects of Adderall abuse are: development of sleeping and eating disorders, dry

mouth, mood swings and higher blood pressure.

Although there are no real statistics to show how prevalent the use of Adderall and similar medications are on college campuses, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health in 2009 revealed, full-time college students between the ages of 18 and 22 are twice as likely as their counterparts who are not full-time college students to have used Adderall non-medically in the past year.

Any medication, legal or illegal, altering the chemicals in your brain should be considered heavily before being taken.

This semester Duke U. updated their Community Standard to include unauthorized use of prescription medicine in the definition of cheating. Although U. North Carolina-Chapel Hill doesn't include unauthorized use of prescription medicine, according to an article published in the Daily Tar Heel, the student attorney general for UNC's honor system said it might be in-

cluded before long.

With other local universities taking the step towards lowering, if not doing away with, the use of Adderall as a study aid, it's time for N.C. State to do the same.

Although our Student Code of Conduct includes various methods of cheating that are, unfortunately, utilized by students, Adderall should be included.

If a student uses Adderall and ends up with a 96 on a test, it's very obvious they wouldn't have gotten the same score had they not used Adderall. The Adderall made it possible to significantly increase the amount of time spent studying as well as the attentiveness to the material.

When said like this, it sounds highly beneficial, but the fact still stands—it alters the chemicals in a person's brain.

I, for one, am not a fan of the fact

that a medication can change the chemicals in my brain. Even if I don't graduate from college with a 4.0, the fact that I'll have made it through college without taking Adderall or a stimulant to make myself study more, will mean more than a 4.0 with Adderall would mean.

Although I've never taken Adderall, it would seem to me that although the material could be retained for the test or final, the material wouldn't be retained after that. What we learn in college is supposed to help us for the rest of our lives. If we learn the material just for the test, it's not going to help us ever again.

I hope the University will at least consider including Adderall use in the Student Code of Conduct. Using mind-altering substances is not something that shows we are an institution of higher learning, as the administrators like to remind us that we are.

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# Tebow should not be as disliked as he is

Don't look now, but the Denver Broncos are on a four-game winning streak and the team is looking to make some noise in the AFC West.

It just so happens that polarizing quarterback-protégé Tim Tebow is at the helm of the boys in Denver. The switch came in the middle of Denver's first game against the San Diego Chargers this season, a game where Tebow almost wrangled in the win. His time as a starter has been tumultuous, but he has the Broncos above .500.

Tebow hasn't exactly had success against the best of the best. He beat Miami before they turned it around, and Kansas City is not very good. The Chargers are falling apart, and the Jets aren't exactly Super Bowl contenders, but a win is a win. However, one question remains. Why do people not like Tebow?

He is a very religious person. People often criticize him, but has his faith ever caused anyone harm? Has being a strict follower of his faith bothered anyone?

He does charity work and goodwill across the country, and he is a proud member of his faith, but this shouldn't offend anyone. He isn't preaching to any offensive linemen by saying, "Bless you, brother," when players tackle him.

There arguably hasn't been a more talked-about quarterback coming out of college. The teams Tebow played

## Cody Stoots



for in college were highly successful. He was very successful himself, as he won a Heisman Trophy at Florida. In the day and age of speedy media where public figures can't hide very many things, Tebow's off-the-field activities became front and center. His faith just happens to dominate some of his off-field issues.

No one hammers other players for participating in humanitarian activities in their free time, so there is no reason for people to attack Tebow for doing so. Most of my problems are with how he is approached on the football field. Tebow has a funny throwing mo-

tion. He scrambles too quickly and doesn't trust his offensive line at times. He makes poor decisions with the ball in the passing game, and he takes too many hits when he rolls out. However, none of these things matter if he wins football games.

The thing is that he isn't winning the games himself. Everyone else is winning. Yes, Tebow has his hand in the wins, but he isn't singlehandedly leading Denver to wins.

The defense is playing off the charts right now. Former Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller is the favorite to win NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, and Champ Bailey, though showing his age, is still a viable option at cornerback. The other

linebackers have been off the charts, and the defensive line, although not great, has played well.

In the last three games, the Broncos

have limited their opponents to 13 points or less. So, when an offense needs just two touchdowns with two extra points, it makes it pretty easy on them to get the 'W.'

The overlooked people in this offense are those not named Tebow.

Willis McGahee has seemingly found a new breath of air in the Mile-High City, Eric Decker is emerging into a sure-handed wide receiver and the offensive line has adjusted to the new mobile quarterback.

A lot of credit should also go to head coach John Fox, as he had faith in Tebow to make the switch. No, he had nothing to lose but football games because that's what they were already doing before the switch, but he had to find out if Tebow was worth keeping in the long run.

We will hear about Tebow as long as he wins. People said the same thing about Vince Young's ability to play the position. The only reason Tebow should become annoying to a football fan is if his off-field work is put before his on-field work, or if his on-field work is not credited to those who make it happen. But, then again, he is a quarterback, and everyone knows it's always the quarterback's fault.

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*"In the day and age of speedy media where public figures can't hide very many things, Tebow's off-the-field activities became front and center."*

# Cowboys poised for big finish, or big flop

IRVING (AP) — With five games left in the regular season, Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys have set themselves up for a big finish.

Or, a big flop. The Cowboys returned to work Monday holding a four-game winning streak, a lead in the NFC East and a clear route to the playoffs. Their challenge is living up to the expectations they've raised.

Coach Jason Garrett liked what he saw on the practice field.

"I think our players came back from our three-day break with the right spirit about them, the right competitiveness, the right demeanor," he said.

The Cowboys have long considered the stretch between Thanksgiving and the end of the regular season as the fourth quarter of their season. And just like the fourth quarter of a game usually determines the outcome, this fourth quarter usually determines Dallas' fate.

The last time the Cowboys cruised into the postseason was 1996. Led by Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin, the reigning Super Bowl champs went 2-1 after Thanksgiving

and kept the momentum going by winning their playoff opener.

They didn't win another playoff game until 2009. Winning records after Thanksgiving have been almost as scarce.

But here's where things get optimistic for Cowboys fans.

Dallas has been above .500 only three times since '96, with all coming in recent years. Romo did it in 2007 and in '09, the year he ended the postseason drought.

The Cowboys also did it last season, with Romo hurt and practically no chance of making the playoffs, but with everyone playing hard for Garrett, who was then only the interim coach.

"I think the biggest thing that we talk to our team about, really, right from the start of training camp, is that you have to improve," Garrett said. "You have to improve individually and collectively over the course of the season, and that starts in training camp. But once the season starts, that continues, and the teams that play in the playoffs and win in the playoffs are the teams that get better."

## Leinart fractures collarbone, needs surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Leinart's return to the NFL lasted less than a half, and coach Gary Kubiak says the Texans will sign another quarterback this week. Perhaps even Brett Favre will be in the mix.

Leinart will be placed on injured reserve after fracturing his left collarbone in the second quarter of Houston's 20-13 win in

Jacksonville on Sunday.

The left-handed Leinart was making his first start since 2009 in place of Matt Schaub, who broke a bone in his right foot in the Texans' 37-9 win in Tampa Bay on Nov. 13.

Kubiak says Leinart will have surgery within the next week, and Schaub is due to have surgery on Wednesday to repair a Lisfranc injury.

into the top 10 in digs, as she finished with 3.15 digs per set.

Dowdy also put the finishing touches on her career at Tech by putting in the best numbers she has had as a Red Raider. She ended the season with a team-high 454 kills and 50 blocks and 350 digs from the back row.

The productive season for Dowdy also helped her climb up the ranks in the Tech record books, where she now sits in second place behind Kelly Johnson in both career kills and attempts.

Dowdy and fellow senior Karlyn Meyers helped lead the team to its most successful season since 2001, as the Red Raiders finished the year with an overall record of 15-17.

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## Dowdy

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"This is an honor that is well-earned for Amanda," he said in a news release. "She became a more complete player her senior year and that, as a coach, was fantastic to see. She was a six-rotation player throughout the year who could play every position, and she earned the award with her play."

Once again, Dowdy was at the top of the Big 12's leader boards in quite a few statistical categories. She was fourth in the conference in kills per set at 4.12 and also in points per set at 4.55. She was just short of sneaking

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## Best season of decade ends with loss to Mizzou

By MIKE GUTIERREZ  
STAFF WRITER

After a season that brought the Red Raider volleyball program its highest win total in the past decade, the team ended the season with a loss to Missouri on Saturday.

In concurrence with the volleyball match, the event was also used to celebrate Senior Night for seniors Amanda Dowdy and Karlyn Meyers.

Head coach Don Flora said he was proud of the efforts given by both seniors in the final match of their careers at Texas Tech.

"I wish it would have ended with a win," Flora said, "but I was proud to be a part of their senior year."

Meyers and Dowdy guided this 2011 volleyball squad in numerous ways, Flora said.

"They led this team off the court, on the court, in the weight room and in the classroom," he said. "They embody what it means to be a Red Raider in a very positive way."

Although Tech (15-17, 1-15

in Big 12 Conference play) was swept in straight sets (25-21, 27-25, 25-22), the Red Raiders competed in a close match against a Missouri program that will compete in its second consecutive NCAA tournament this Friday.

Runs by the Tigers in the first and second sets were the difference makers in the match, Flora said.

"It just shows that no matter how little or small the margin is, this is what happens when you get two really good teams together," he said. "The difference was between us scoring one more time and them scoring one more time. You have to give Missouri a lot of credit. They did a good job in crunch time in set two, which turned out to be a pivotal set. This is a big match for us to learn from and grow from."

This loss prevented Tech from ending the season with a .500 record, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since the program's 2001 season.

In her final match as a Red

Raider, Dowdy finished her career with a match-high 12 kills. With 50 attempts in the match, Dowdy pushed herself further up into both the Tech and Big 12 record books. She is now Tech's second all-time leader in kills and attempts.

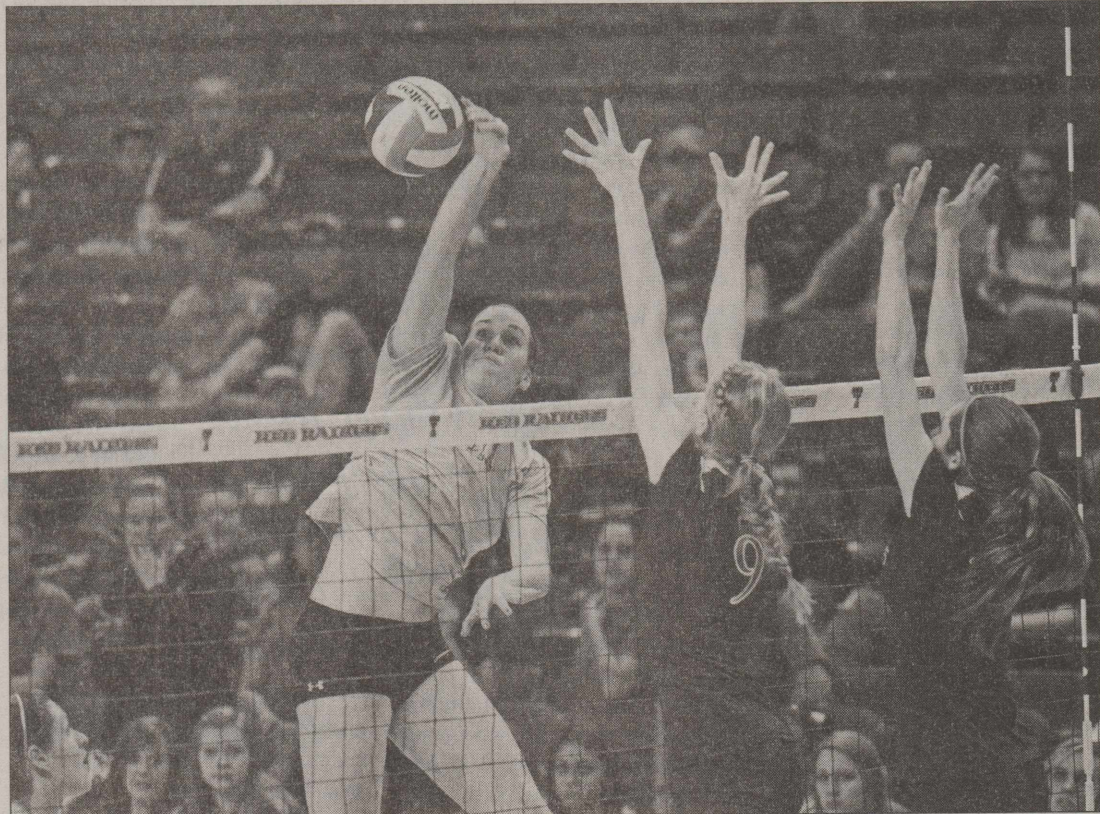
While also reaching the end of her career, Meyers ended the season with 39 assists, six digs and one block against Missouri.

Tory Vaughan dropped 16 digs on the back row to move her season total past 400, becoming just the seventh player in school history to do so.

In his first season at the helm of the Tech volleyball program, Flora said his team established the Red Raider way of playing volleyball.

"From the way we went about preparing, the way we went about practicing and to the way we went about competing, I'm very pleased with this team in 2011," he said. "I'm impressed with how they've bought into going about this deal the right way at a high level."

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TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Amanda Dowdy spikes the ball over Kansas middle blocker Caroline Jarmoc and setter Nicole Tate during Tech's 3-1 loss to the Jayhawks on Oct. 22 in United Spirit Arena. Dowdy took home her second straight Big 12 first team honors Monday after her Red Raider career came to an end Saturday during a 3-0 loss to Missouri at United Spirit Arena.

## Big 12 has pseudo championship game with Bedlam

(AP) — The way Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops sees it, there will be only one Big 12 champion no matter how many teams might end up with same record.

"We all played each other, it isn't like we're in different divisions," Stoops said Monday. "You can determine who the champion is if there are two people or three people tied for it. Who beat who."

There is no longer a Big 12 championship game since there are only 10 teams with no divisions and a round-robin schedule. But the annual Bedlam game will be a pseudo title game, with the winner of Saturday night's showdown between third-ranked Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) and No. 13 Oklahoma (9-2, 6-2) getting the league's automatic BCS berth.

"I just hope I can get home to watch it," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Oklahoma State, which had its national championship hopes hurt by a loss at Iowa State in its last game, can win its first con-

ference title outright. They have to beat the Sooners for the first time since 2002, when Les Miles was coaching the Cowboys before going to LSU.

"With the BCS, starting in the middle of October becomes somewhat like March Madness, they're all really big games," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "But we get to this point, it's cut and dry for our team to have a chance to do something that's never been done."

If Oklahoma wins, and No. 16 Kansas State (9-2, 6-2) also wins its regular season finale, there would be a three-way tie atop the Big 12 standings. According to league policy, the Sooners would get the BCS berth based on head-to-head matchups though all three teams would be declared co-champions.

"Well, I don't really understand that," Stoops said, reiterating how the round-robin schedule was touted during the league's media days before the season. "The entire theme of the two days

is, we've got one true champion since everybody's playing each other. ... So in our eyes, there will be one, and so that's just how I see it."

Without a championship game that would usually be played the first weekend of December, the Big 12 extended the regular season with three games for the extra week.

Baylor (8-3, 5-3), already with eight wins for the first time in 20 years after a clean sweep in November, finishes its regular season at home against Texas (7-4, 4-4). It is a last chance for Bears quarterback Robert Griffin III to influence Heisman Trophy voters a week after he was limited to playing one half because of concussion-like symptoms.

Kansas State is home against Iowa State (6-5, 3-5), which is trying to improve its bowl stock after splitting the last two weeks against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. The Wildcats are 11th in the BCS standings and could still get an at-large berth in one of those big games. But they can't get the Big 12's automatic BCS berth since their losses were to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

K-State coach Bill Snyder has never wavered in his preference for divisions and a Big 12 championship game, something that can't happen again unless the league expands back to at least 12 teams.

But if the Wildcats are fortunate enough to end up in a three-way tie at the top of the league standings, Snyder said, "it would be a very positive thing for the players in our program. I think they would appreciate that. I would."

Oklahoma State is third in the BCS rankings, but even a loss by No. 1 LSU in the SEC championship game against Georgia might not be enough to get the Cowboys back in position to play for the national championship. There would still have to be some drastic shifting in the polling and computers that determine the BCS standings.

Gundy is keeping his focus on Oklahoma this Saturday, a game that will played after the SEC championship game. He's not ready to start politicking to try to influence voters.

"We're in a situation that we have a chance to win a football game and win a conference championship for the first time in the history of the school," Gundy said. "I feel like that's more important than politicking for a spot in second place, or whatever it would be, in the BCS."

"With where we're at with our team, developing and building our program and continuing to take this thing to another level, it's more important that we prepare to win the game than necessarily make comments regarding where we are in the BCS."

No. 2 Alabama's only loss was at home against LSU. The Crimson Tide are waiting to see if they will get a national title rematch against the Tigers when all the bowl matchups are announced Sunday.

The Big 12, which has only seven guaranteed bowl spots unless the league gets two teams in the BCS, has eight bowl-eligible teams. That includes Missouri (7-5, 5-4) and Texas A&M (6-6, 4-5), the two teams headed to the Southeastern Conference next season.

## Texas: No Heisman highlights for Bears' Robert Griffin III

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Longhorns can help Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin's Heisman Trophy campaign. They can probably end it, too.

The Longhorns and No. 19 Bears will play Saturday in Waco in Griffin's last game before the trophy is awarded in New York on Dec. 10. A big game against the Big 12's best defense could sway some undecided voters to make him their top choice.

Or the Longhorns could ruin everything by shutting him down.

"We don't plan on letting anyone win the Heisman against us," Texas linebacker Emmanuel Acho said Monday.

Griffin, who sat out the second half of last week's win over Texas Tech after taking a blow to the head, is expected to play against Texas.

"He just had concussion-like symptoms and so he's fine," Baylor coach Art Briles said Monday. "We're thankful that Robert's OK."

Expect for the injury that sent him to the sideline, Griffin has been all but impossible to stop this season, even in Baylor's losses.

His 34 touchdown passes rank fifth nationally and his 334 yards per game rank sixth. He is one of only four players in major college history with at least 9,000 passing yards

and 2,000 rushing yards in a career.

Texas coach Mack Brown said a lot of teams have probably talked about trying to shut down Griffin and couldn't do it.

"He still puts up numbers," Brown said. "He is just a phenomenal player."

Baylor (8-3, 5-3 Big 12) used to be a punching bag for Texas (7-4, 4-4), but Griffin and the Bears earned the Longhorns' respect last season when he ran for a touchdown and passed for two more in a 30-22 Bears win, their first in Austin since 1991. Texas safety Kenny Vaccaro said he's known Griffin since he was about 9 years old in youth track programs and the two used to square off in the 400 meters.

"I thought he was going to run in the Olympics," Vaccaro said. "We've raced and raced. It was neck and neck but I wouldn't ever beat him."

Texas may be the one team that can slow Griffin down.

Since getting blitzed by Oklahoma's passing attack in a 55-17 loss back on Oct. 8, the Longhorns have been the best defense in the Big 12 under first-year coordinator Manny Diaz. The Texas defense leads the Big 12 in scoring, rushing, passing and total defense and ranks in the top 10 nationally in the last three categories.

Diaz was hired after one season at Mississippi State in part because of how his Bulldogs contained Auburn's Cam Newton, last season's Heisman Trophy winner, in a 17-14 loss. The Bulldogs limited Newton to 206 total yards rushing and passing in that game.

"If he (Diaz) can corral Cam Newton, I think we can get Robert Griffin," Vaccaro said.

Baylor has the offense to challenge any defense. The Bears have gone over 600 in six games this season and average 43 points. Kendall Wright averages 128 yards receiving and Terrance Ganaway rushed for 246 yards last week against Texas Tech.

The Bears got a scare when Griffin was tackled and his head bounced hard off the ground. He came back in to run for a touchdown just before halftime but sat out the second half while backup Nick Florence finished off the 66-42 win.

Acho said Texas has to hit Griffin hard to take away any ideas of tucking the ball to run.

"You've got to make him pay," Acho said. "Make him think twice before he wants to run."

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