ACCIDENT CAUSES DEATH OF UCO PROFESSOR

Charlie Gile

Contributing Writer

UCO alumna Debra Reed was killed Friday night when lided with her car in north Oklahoma City.

According to police, the accident happened around 11 p.m. when a 20-year-old driver crossed the median and hit Reed's car head-on at N. Portland and 192nd Street.

She taught Theater Makeup at the university for several semesters and also worked for over 10 years with the UCO Theatre Arts, Musical Theatre and Opera departments, as both a student and a freelance hair and makeup designer.

The news has stunned students and musical theatre faculty, alike. Assistant Professor of Costume Design and Technology Cate Wieck worked closely with Reed. "She was a great teacher,"

Adjunct professor and says Wieck, "Very well-liked

by her students." Senior Annie Guy worked a suspected drunk driver col- on many productions with Reed and remembers her generosity and sense of humor the most. "Deb was one of the sweetest, craziest, loving, free-spirited women I've ever met," says Guy. "You were just drawn to her. She also gave people little gifts each show and I'll never forget some of the crazy, wild things she found to give us."

Director of Musical Theatre Greg White knew Reed for 12 years. "She truly had an artistry and gift for hair," says White. "She had a brilliant sense of humor, truly a genius. Her legacy lives on in her students." White says that Reed had planned to work on the Broadway musical "Wicked" at the Civic Center this week with former student Taylor Handy.

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Debra Reed, a UCO adjunct professor and alumna, died after a car accident on Aug. 30, 2013. Photo provided.



Google named the City of Edmond as the eCity of Oklahoma for 2013. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Edmond voted 2013 eCity of Oklahoma



The eCity award was awarded to the City of Edmond at Cafe Evoke in Downtown Edmond. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Colore' Lincoln, Staff Writer

Google announced Edmond as the 2013 eCity of Oklahoma on Aug. 14. at Café Evoke in downtown Edmond. Google eCity Awards recognize the strongest online business community in each state, meaning the city is a digital capital in America.

These cities' businesses are embracing the web to gain new customers, connect with existing clients and fuel their local economies. Across the country, businesses that connect online are expected to grow 40 percent faster, said Google.

Google worked with the independent research organization, Ipsos, analyzing the online strength of local small businesses in cities in all fifty states. To develop the eCities shortlist, Ipsos assembled a list of all U.S. cities, broken down by population size. Google then added the AdWords data, which is a numeral figure for each city, calculated by dividing the total population of the city by the number of AdWords customers in each city. AdWords is Google's main source of advertis-

Photo by Sarah Neese, The Vista.

ing revenue. This data was used to calculate fore they buy local, so a web-presence is the top five cities in each of the 50 states with the highest infiltration

AdWords relative to population

"We wanted to define and identify cities around the country that were model cities for e-Business," said Mike Wooten, Google spokesman. "It's so vitally important in the digital economy for communities to come togeth-

★ 2013 eCity ★ Google er and businesses to rally around the Internet, and gaining costumers through that venue. 97 percent of Americans research products online be-

critical for businesses to grow. Businesses that are online grow

two times faster and hire twice as many people as businesses that are not online."

> "We're proud to recognize this growing entrepreneurial spirit- and the role it plays in both creating jobs sustaining economies. local With 97 percent of Internet-users looking

small-business engagement. Oklahoma businesses know Americans

for products and services online, it's clear that success is about being connected," said Scott Levitan, Google's director of

where their customers are in 2013, which is online. Google hopes these "digital capitals" will become an inspiration to other areas, throughout America, of what can be accomplished by leading business development on "City of Edmond recognizes the value and

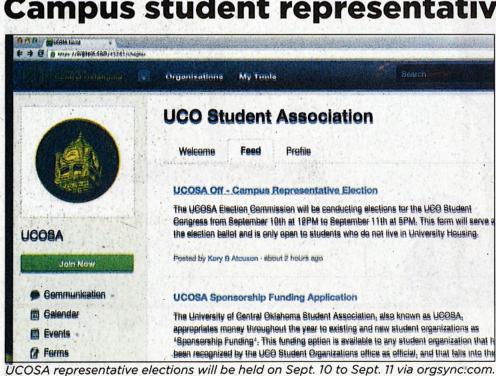
are turning to the Internet to look for local goods and services. Businesses need to be

importance of technology in our operations and delivery of service. We embrace the value of the web in communicating with our citizenry," said Edmond Mayor Charles Lamb.

"Edmond is one of the select few cities in the country that won this award. So it's a great honor to present this award to Edmond. It's a city that's a great place to grow and it's a fitting award for the city," Wooten

"It's a great place to live, so it's a great place to be able to do business...so thanks to Google for recognizing us for that," Congressman James Langford said.

UCOSA congressional seat filing comes to a close Campus student representative elections to follow next week



Brooks Nickell

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma Student Association's filing period for the election of 24 residential congressional seats came to a close Friday, Sept. 30.

While only six applicants applied for the eight on-campus congressional openings, a staggering 41 candidates applied for the 16 off-campus congressional seats. Any student residing off campus in non-university housing was eligible to apply for these seats, including students who reside in Greek life housing.

Elections for these positions will start on Sept. 10 at noon and end Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. To vote for a candidate, student can log on to UCO's OrgSync website and become a member of the UCOSA page, where the election ballot will be posted. Students must verify that they are of voting eligibility, a UCO student, by entering their student identification number.

Every student will be allowed to cast his or her vote for one of the 41 candidates. The 16 candidates that receive the most votes will win the congressional seats.

The remaining candidates will be automatically placed in the running for the 24 aca-

demic college congressional seats. This process will not be an election but an interview and appointment process in which the candidates must be approved by congress. According to Kory Atcuson, the chair of student congress, this is a way to fill those vacant seats.

Atcuson expressed his excitement for the upcoming elections.

"I think it's great that there are a ton of people that want to be involved," Atcuson said. "It shows great involvement from the student body. They want to have a voice in student government."

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Tech Takeover?

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If you had the oppor- the last couple of years. tunity to obtain a free, world-class education anytime anywhere, would you take it?

60 Minutes aired a segment on Sept. 1 about Salman Khan, founder of Khan Academy, a not-forprofit educational website that provides people with such an opportunity.

"A free, world-class education for anyone anywhere," states the mission statement, found on the website, khanacademy. org.

The academy strives to help people learn what they want, when they want, at their own pace.

Without placing a price tag on education, Khan is determined to revolutionize how we teach and learn through digital lessons and exercises.

According to the website, Khan Academy has a library of over 4,600 videos on subjects from arithmetic to history.

Some organizations such as public, charter, and independent schools, community programs and higher education are using Khan Academy's resources.

The 60 Minutes special revisited Khan after reporting last year about the success he has had with this website.

Khan is probably the most watched teacher in the world, who according to 60 Minutes, has gone from having a few hundred pupils to having over 6 million every month in

Bill Gates was quoted by 60 Minutes saying, "This teacher to the world is giv-

ing us all a glimpse at the future of education." Observing the direction

of online education has been interesting.

Khan began the journey to his online academy not even a decade ago and the success he has reached speaks volumes.

Students across world have had the opportunity to take online courses for years.

Is it safe to assume that the future of education will eventually conform to to the convenience of online learning?

What will happen to face-to-face time and human interaction if having the classroom teacher setting is no longer necessary?

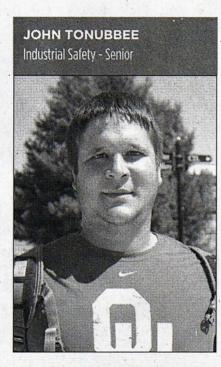
Will our future learning experiences be spent in large hovercraft chairs with digital screens in front of our faces, similar to the technology dependent humans seen on Disney's WALL-E?

The possibilities for learning and obtaining information are extremely extensive these days with our many Internet sources and resources.

But with these great advances it is hard to ignore the question, through the assistance of and reliance on technology, will our society be better or worse off in the long run?

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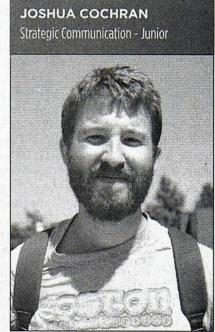
What's your favorite favorite place on the UCO campus?



"The student union. I've been there quite a bit."



"Probably the Nigh. Everyone is there, and a lot is going on there too."



"The cafeteria. Eating is the best thing to do on campus."



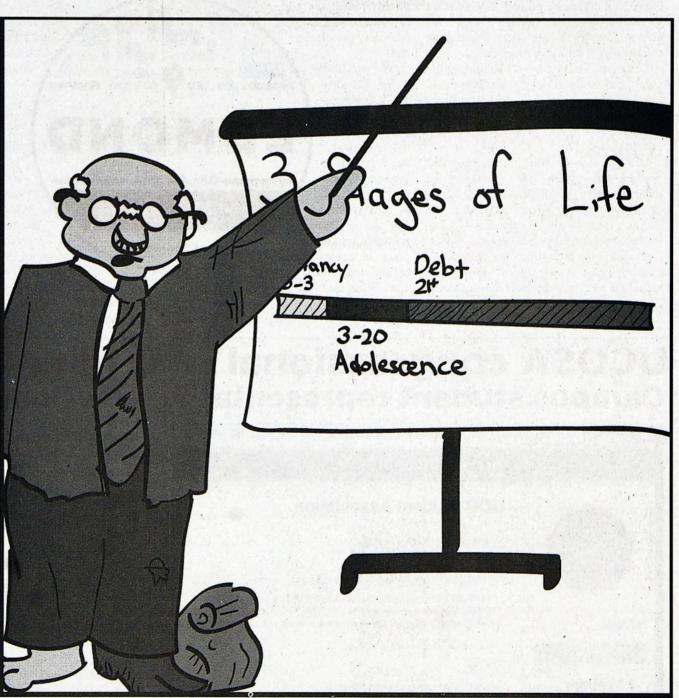
"Sports grill. Because I can get good food there."



"Hamilton Field House." Because I play basketball."



"Sitting area by the lake. I just read there."



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

Opinion

By Brooks Nickell

HEAD NORTH

Eight-year-old me stood on my parents' front porch staring out past the timberline at an 80-acre expanse of Oklahoma wilderness untouched, saved by the barbed wire fence that enit. My neighbors, Jake and John Tonubbee, roughly the same age as myself, loaded down our make shift rucksacks with Snowball snack cakes and Capri-sun

drink pouches. We set off into the woods with those rations, a machete and adventure in our hearts, destination unknown. We hiked down a hill and through the woods until we came upon a creek we frequented during snake hunts and fishing trips, rested momentarily and then began to follow it south. We hiked and hiked, dipped under fences and climbed over

After about three forks in the path, we thought it wise to

fallen trees. We waded through water and stopped to throw

rocks in pools that collected along the bends in the creek.

climb up out of the creek and check our surroundings. The sun was starting to hang lower in the sky, but there was still enough daylight left to help choke back any feelings of being too lost.

As we crested the bank, my parents' words seemed to resonate, "don't get farther than hollering distance," they had said. We knew that we had succeeded in just that. The scenery was foreign and it didn't take us long to realize how far the trek had taken us.

We had journeyed south, so logically, heading north would take us home. The problem that arose was that, after taking so many channels away from the main stretch of creek, we didn't precisely know just which way north was.

We panicked and then we laughed and then we panicked some more. As the sun started to set, we downed the rest of our rations and made a gutsy call. After spending the last couple of hours backtracking and frustratingly stumbling upon the same footprints, we decided to abandon the creek and continue our search for home above the waterline.

We headed in the direction that we thought was west, knowing there was a road that traveled parallel to the property in that direction. We walked well into dusk and as the moonlight took the sun's place as our guide, we began to feel like 8-year-olds lost in the wilderness should; scared.

So it goes, we crossed the fence and touched boots to the road in perfect synchronization with my father's red Nissan pickup's headlights. We took a light scalding and hopped in the truck bed.

Upon arriving home, my mother hit us with the, glad you're ok and the, you had me worried sick and then left us with my father, standing on the front porch where we had started our journey.

He expanded on the valuable lesson nature had taught us that day. "You have to leave a trail boys," he said. "You can never be too sure where you're going if you don't stand solid in knowing where you've been." I can't say that I dictated his words to the T, but the lesson remains intact.

There are times in my life still, that I reference that lesson. Not so much in a sense of exploring nature, but life itself. My sense of cardinal directions is stronger now. I still get lost from time to time, but I always remember that we have to remember where we have been, to know where we are going.

Heading north for me now, means to be constantly learning, adapting, overcoming and working towards something, whatever it may be. Progress lies in bettering the existence of yourself and others. I'm solid in the belief that if we strive for even just that, we will undoubtedly exceed all expectations. We will never become lost. Don't forget to leave a positive trail behind you, find out what your north is, and head for it.

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UCO Career and Internship Fair

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Staff Writer

The UCO Career Services Department will be hosting the bi-annual career and internship fair.

The purpose of the fair is for students to interact with future employers. Those who attend will be able to make connection and will find out more information for internships as well.

The fair is not just for Oklahoma companies, many national businesses will be holding booths for potential employees:

On average, the career fairs have more than 400 students and professionals in attendance from the Central community. They range from freshmen to seniors and have a variety of majors.

Valerie Archer, a junior accounting major, attended the spring fair and plans to attend this fall, as well.

"At first I wasn't going to go last semester," she said. "But my RA convinced me."

She believes that attending helped her be-

come more professional. "The fair was a lot more useful than I thought it would be," she said. "I found out about a lot of great internships and got a real world feel of what it might be like when I graduate."

Even though Archer has three semesters until graduation, she says she will continue to attend each fair.

"I know I already went last year, but I think I'll keep going to them," she said.

Gregory Milton, a senior double major in finance and business, will be attending as

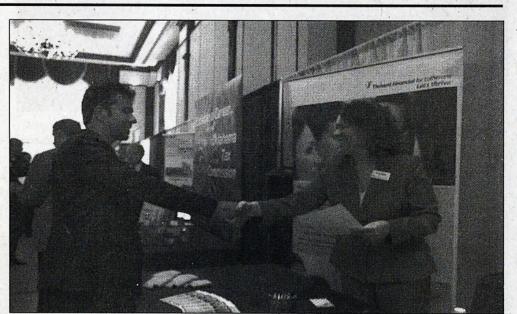
"This isn't the first career fair I'll be going to," he said. "I went two years ago and met up with some really nice companies."

Milton credits his attendance at the fair for helping him to make connections.

"It was a pretty good deal," he said. "The fair was a lot more useful than I thought it would be."

He is hopeful about this fair, as well.

"I'm not sure how it will turn out, but I graduate in the spring, so hopefully I'll network with the right people and be able to



Nirmit Rungta UCO Finance Major and Recruiting Specialist Stacia R. DeWitt shake hands during UCOs' Fall Career and Internship Fair Wednesday September 19, 2012. Photo by Lindsey Rickards The Vista

land a job."

The fair will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the ballrooms on the third floor of the Nigh University Center.

Each business will have a booth with representatives from the company to provide attendees with information on potential employment.

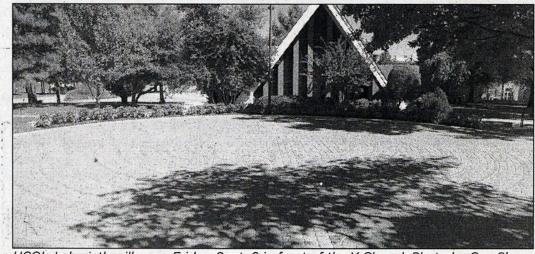
The fair is both free and open to the public. Professional business attire is required for

entry. The Career Services encourages students to bring several copies of their resume to give to employers:

The office also suggests that students research the companies that they are interested in. A list of attending organizations is on their website.

For more information on the Career Fair contact The UCO Career Services by calling 405-974-3346 or by visiting careers.uco.edu.

Labyrinth to open with commemorative ceremony



UCO's Labyrinth will open Friday, Sept. 6 in front of the Y Chapel. Photo by Cyn Sheng Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista. Ling, The Vista.

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

UCO will hold a ceremony commemorating the opening of the new labyrinth at Heartland Plaza, located west of the Y Chapel of Song on campus, on Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.

The labyrinth is unique, as it is the first at a public university in Oklahoma. It was designed and hand-laid by artists Debi and Mary Kermeen, founders of Labyrinths in Stone. The company specializes in the design and installation of labyrinth works of art, according to their official website.

On the website, Marty states, "Our mission is to create superior works of art in a variety of paving materials that beautify any space. We are passionate about our daily quest to leave our mark on this planet. It is our sincere hope that our grandchildren will view these works of art and be proud of the beauty we created."

Labyrinths have been used by many different cultures throughout history and are used today as a method of moving meditation. The mazes can be found in various settings including hospitals, parks, churches and schools. There is only one path so there are no tricks or dead ends, which allows for a flowing, frustration-free experience. The path leads to the center, and back to the beginning.

This 11-circuit paved walking path amounts to about one-third of a mile and was designed with the intention of providing students opportunities for transformative learning. The groundbreaking took place Nov. 30, 2012, and construction finished in

May of this year.

UCO Labyrinth Coordinator Dr. Diane Rudebock said that the idea to construct the maze on campus came after she saw the popularity of her canvas labyrinth at multiple events. Rudebock stated that the benefits the labyrinth can provide students, faculty and citizens are endless, particularly in the realms of self-reflection and meditation.

"Think of different things that happen. Spending time in reflection on an experience helps us make meaning of it," Rudebock

While there are no rules to walking the labyrinth, Rudebock did provide some tips such as moving along the path at a personal pace, keeping the mind open as one moves towards the center, remaining in the center of the maze for a time of reflection and writing about the experience.

Rudebock mentioned that multiple entities around Central's campus collaborated to make to the labyrinth possible, including the Office of the President, Academic Affairs, the College of Education and Professional Studies, the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies, and Facilities Management.

At the ceremony, UCO President Don Betz is expected to lead a ribbon cutting that will be followed by a traditional ceremonial exchange with attendees. Members of the UCO School of music will also be on-site to provide music for the ceremony. Refreshments will be served, as well.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Y Chapel of Song. For more information or to secure a parking pass for the event, contact the UCO Labyrinth Coordinator Diane Rudebock at 405-974-5230. Parking passes are limited.



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UCOSA Elections

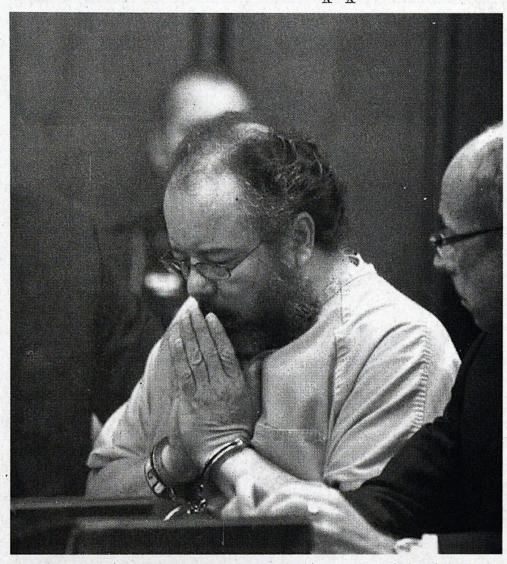
The six candidates that applied for the on-campus congressional seats will be automatically appointed and the remaining two seats will be filled in the same fashion as the academic congressional seats, through an application, interview and appointment process. Both the remaining on campus seats and academic seat filing period will come

to a close Friday, Sept. 6. If there are still not enough candidates to fill these positions, the filling period will be re-

Atcuson allowed that this new direction of involvement from the student body was crucial in the direction that UCOSA was moving and gave some reasoning as to why the seats will now be elected positions and not filled by representatives from student organizations.

"People are still stuck in this student organization mentality. The congress no longer represents student organizations. The congress represents students," Atcuson said.

Kidnapper Found Dead in Cell



This Aug. 1, 2013 file photo shows Ariel Castro in the courtroom during the sentencing phase in Cleveland. Castro, who held 3 women captive for a decade, has committed suicide, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak, file)

Andrew Welsh-Huggins

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Cleveland man serving a life sentence for kidnapping three women and raping them in his home for a decade hanged himself in his prison cell, officials said Wednesday in another startling twist in the case that horrified and transfixed the city.

Ariel Castro, 53, was found hanging around. 9:20 p.m. Tuesday at the state prison in Orient, said JoEllen Smith, a spokeswoman for the corrections system. Prison medical staff performed CPR before Castro was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Castro had been in protective custody because of the notoriety of his case, meaning he was checked every 30 minutes, but was not on suicide watch, which entails constant supervision, Smith said.

An autopsy showed the death was suicide by hanging, said Dr. Jan Gorniak, Franklin County coroner. Gorniak would not comment on the circumstances in which Castro was found.

In Castro's old Cleveland neighborhood, Jessica Burchett, 19, said his death had shortcircuited the life sentence called for in his plea bargain.

"It does give a little bit of closure to the families and people that got affected by what he did, but at the same time he deserved to be in there for his life because of what he did to those girls," she said.

Elsie Cintron, a neighbor who lived up the street from Castro, said the suicide left her with mixed feelings.

"He took the coward's way out," Cintron said. "We're sad to hear that he's dead, but at the same time, we're happy he's gone, and now we know he can't ask for an appeal or try for one if he's acting like he's crazy."

No one answered the door Wednesday morning at the home of Castro's mother and

The three women - Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight — disappeared separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old. They were rescued from Castro's home on May 6 when Berry broke out part of screen door and yelled to neighbors for help.

Elation over the women's rescue soon turned to shock as details emerged about their captivity. Castro fathered a child with Berry while she was being held. The girl was 6 when she was freed.

Investigators also said the women were bound with chains, repeatedly raped and deprived of food and bathroom facilities. Knight told investigators she was beaten and starved to force her to miscarry over and

Castro was sentenced Aug. 1 to life in prison plus 1,000 years after he pleaded to 937 counts, including kidnapping and rape, in a deal to avoid the death penalty. At his sentencing, he told the judge: "I'm not a monster. I'm sick."

At the home of Berry's sister, a woman who didn't identify herself said from the porch Wednesday there would be no comment. An officer in a passing patrol car kept watch on the street.

Wearing their familiar red berets, members of the Guardian Angels volunteer patrol group stationed themselves outside DeJesus' and said her family didn't want to be bothered as the community absorbed the news.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson said in a statement: "I ask the community to continue to respect the privacy of the survivors so that they can move forward with their lives."

Messages left for the women's lawyers were not immediately returned.

Castro was watched closely in the Cuyahoga County Jail in the several weeks after his arrest and before his guilty plea, with logs noting his activity every 10 minutes. He was taken off the suicide watch in June after authorities determined he was not a suicide risk.

Castro's attorneys tried unsuccessfully to have a psychological examination of Castro done at the jail before he was turned over to state authorities following his guilty plea, his attorney, Jaye Schlachet, said Wednesday. Schlachet would not comment further.

In an interview last month, Schlachet and attorney Craig Weintraub said that their client clearly fit the profile of sociopathic disorder and that they hoped researchers would study him for clues that could be used to stop other predators.

A Successful Swim from Cuba to Florida

Jennifer Kay

Associated Press

have finally completed her long-held dream ally stronger. of swimming from Cuba to Florida, but even at an age where many people are thinking about retirement, she isn't planning to slow

The 64-year-old Nyad plans to swim for 48 hours straight next month, accompanied by celebrities swimming laps alongside her, in a specially designed swimming pool that will be erected in New York City to raise money for Hurricane Sandy survivors.

Although the swimmer insists she isn't trying to prove anything - "I didn't do this because I was in my 60s. I just happened to be in my 60s," she says - she acknowledges that her success is having an impact, "not just on people of my generation but on younger people.'

"I have a godson who's 14 and he texted me yesterday and said, 'I'm never in my life again going to call someone in their 60s old. It's over. You just proved that youth doesn't have anything to do with age."

And at one point during an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, the bronzed, muscular athlete couldn't resist sharing a message of encouragement and solidarity with those of her generation:

"Baby Boomer power!" she declared, with a triumphant fist pump.

On her fifth try, Nyad finished the 110mile swim from Havana to Key West on Monday in 53 hours, becoming the first to do it without a shark cage. She said that while she is slower than she was back in her 20s when she first gained national attention for swimming around Manhattan and from

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Diana Nyad may the Bahamas to Florida, she feels she is actu-

"Now I'm more like a Clydesdale: I'm a little thicker and stronger — literally stronger, I can lift more weights," Nyad told the AP.

"I feel like I could walk through a brick wall. ... I think I'm truly dead center in the prime of my life at 64."

Nyad isn't alone among aging athletes who are dominating their sports.

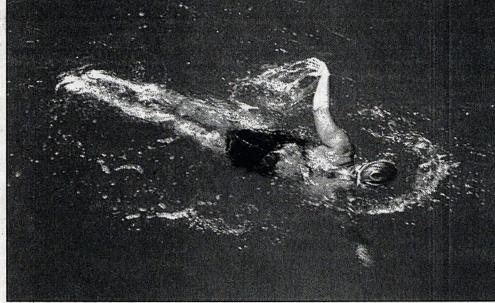
Earlier this year, 48-year-old Bernard Hopkins became the oldest boxer to win a major title, scoring a 12-round unanimous decision over Tavoris Cloud to claim the IBF light heavyweight championship.

Tennis player Martina Navratilova won a mixed doubles title at the U.S. Open in 2006, just before turning 50, and decades ago hockey legend Gordie Howe played professional hockey into his early 50s. Golfer Tom Watson was nearly 60 when he fell just short of winning the British Open in 2009. Last year, baseball's Jamie Moyer was 49 when he became the oldest starting pitcher to record a major-league win.

Thousands' of U.S. athletes, including 60-year-old Kay Glynn, also compete during the Senior Olympics.

Glynn, of Hastings, Iowa, has won six gold medals in pole vaulting at the Senior Olympics and set a new pole vaulting world record for her age in the 2011 National Se-

nior Games. Older athletes tend to find more success in endurance events than in power events such as sprinting and other sports that rely on "fast- twitch" muscle fibers, which are more difficult to preserve later in life, noted



In this photo provided by the Florida Keys News Bureau, Diana Nyad, positioned about two miles off Key West, Fla., Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, swims towards the completion of her approximately 110-mile trek from Cuba to the Florida Keys. Nyad, 64, is poised to be the first swimmer to cross the Florida Straits without the security of a shark cage. (AP Photo/Florida Keys News Bureau, Andy Newman)

Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, a physiologist at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

But just because Nyad was swimming rather than pounding her joints against the concrete doesn't mean she didn't achieve a remarkable feat, Chodzko-Zajko said.

"This ultra, super-length swimming is brutal regardless," he said, adding that another reason athletes are able to endure is because they often train smarter and have a mental concentration that is well-honed over decades.

"She's one of any number of people who are redefining what happens with aging," said Dr. Michael J. Joyner, an anesthesiologist and exercise researcher at The Mayo Clinic.

"If you start with a high capacity, you have some reserves," Joyner said. "You can lose some absolute power, but what you lose in power you can make up for with experience and strategy and better preparation."

Nyad first attempted swimming from Cuba to Florida at age 29 with a shark cage. She didn't try again until 2011 when she was

She tried twice more in the past two years before beginning her fifth attempt Saturday morning with a leap off the seawall of the Hemingway Marina into the warm waters off Havana. She paused occasionally for nourishment, but never left the water until she reached the white sand beaches of the Keys and waded ashore.

Nyad says her age and maturity should not be discounted when measuring her most recent success.

"It's not so much the physical," she said. "To my mind all of us ... we mature emotionally ... and we get stronger mentally because we have a perspective on what this life is all about," Nyad said.

"It's more emotional. I feel calmer, I feel that the world isn't going to end if I don't make it. And I'm not so ego-involved: 'What are people going to think of me?" I'm really focused on why I want to do it."

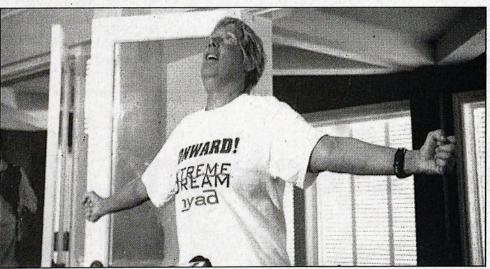
Australian Susie Maroney successfully swam the Straits in 1997 at age 22 with a shark cage, which besides providing protection from the predators, has a drafting effect that pulls a swimmer along.

In' 2012, 49-year-old Australian Penny Palfrey swam 79 miles toward Florida without a cage before strong currents forced her to stop. This June, Palfrey's countrywoman Chloe McCardel, 28, made it 11 hours and 14 miles before jellyfish stings ended her

Nyad acknowledged Tuesday that she was glad when McCardel didn't make it before she had a chance to, but she did add, to laughter from her team, "I didn't want her to get bitten by jellyfish or die or anything."

"It's not so much the physical... we mature

emotionaly..."



United States endurance swimmer Diana Nyad talks to the media, during a press conference in Key West, Fla., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013. She said the biggest challenge was swallowing large amounts of seawater, which made her vomit often. The 64-year-old is the first swimmer to make the 110-mile (177-kilometer) journey without a shark cage. She appeared refreshed and invigorated less than 24 hours after arriving dazed and sunburned, with lips swollen, in Florida. Her swim lasted 53 hours, with pauses for nourishment. (AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

Accident

"Because of her, I now get the chance to work on the national tour of "Wicked",," says Handy. "I owe everything I am to that woman. She truly loved what she did and her generosity was boundless."

The driver of the other car was transported to area hospitals in unknown condition. No charges have been filed, but according to Oklahoma County Sheriff spokesman Mark Myers, they are likely to be arrested when they leave the hospital.

Services for Debra Reed will be at Smith and Kernke Funeral Home located at 14624 N. May Avenue in Oklahoma City on Sept. 8 at 2 p.m.

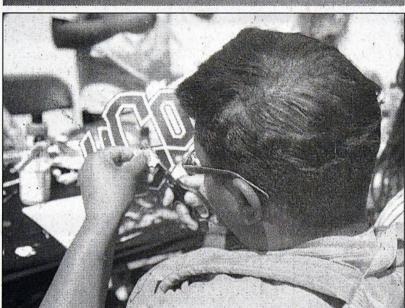


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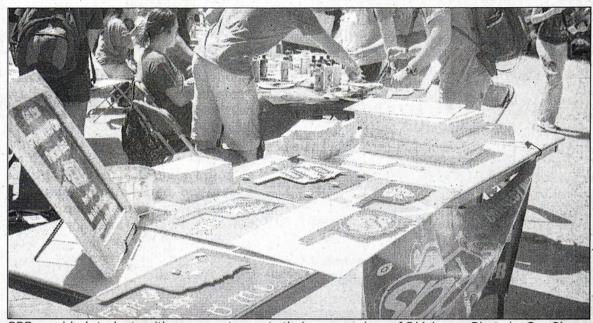


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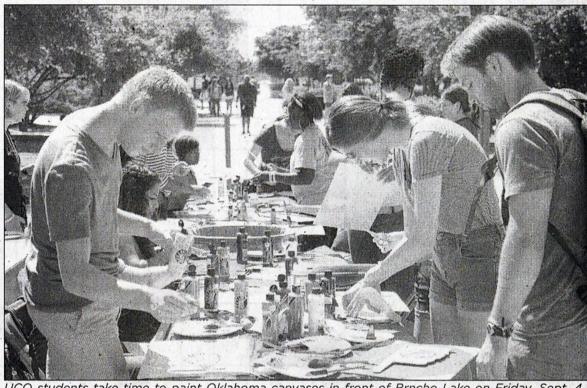


OklaHOMEa table. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

OklaHOMEa:



SPB provided students with canvases to create their own versions of Oklahoma. Photo by Cyn Sheng,



UCO students take time to paint Oklahoma canvases in front of Brncho Lake on Friday, Sept. 4. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

Students create Oklahoma-themed canvases at the SPB OklaHOMEa table



Julie Dawkins, a student at UCO, makes her version of an OklaHOMEa canvas at the SPB table on Friday, Sept. 4. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

OKLAHOMA WOMAN FIGHTS FOR RIGHT TO OWN KANGAROO **KRISTI EATON, The Associated Press**

WYNNEWOOD, Okla. (AP) - Christie Carr wants her young ones to cooperate when they sit down for a family portrait, but at times it's so difficult that she has to tell young Irwin to go to his bedroom. He obeys and hops to it.

Irwin may sleep in a bed, wear boy's clothes on occasion and eat Twizzlers, but he's not human. He's a red kangaroo, nursed back to health after he was partially paralyzed from running into a fence a few years ago.

Two years after battling a city council in northeastern Oklahoma over Carr's right to keep a "therapy kangaroo," she found Irwin a home at an exotic animal park. And Carr has found some relief from her depression.

On a recent weekday morning at The Garold Wayne Interactive Zoological Park, Irwin, fresh from playing in the dirt, sat on a cushy chair in a wooden pen next to Carr. He later fussed with his new sister, Larsen, a baby Siberian tiger, in the staff house.

The new home, Carr said, is good for both Irwin and herself. He's able to interact with other people and some animals, and her emotional life is enriched by being around all the animals.

"Just me and him together, it's almost like he was feeding off my depression," said Carr, who lives in the zoo's staff house. "He likes people, he likes to be around people and here, there is something always going on."

Irwin, however, can't play with the park's other kangaroo, Pluto, who lives near a pond. Carr and zoo founder Joe Schreibvogel are scared Irwin could lose his balance and fall into the water, so they are hoping to build a new kangaroo enclosure in the future.

Carr and 3-year-old Irwin arrived at the zoo after spats with officials in Broken Arrow. Carr's therapist had certified Irwin as a therapy pet under the Americans with Disabilities Act. But city officials initially feared Irwin could pose a threat to the public's safety.

Native to Australia, healthy male great red kangaroos can grow up to 7 feet tall, weigh more than 200 pounds and bound 25 feet in a single leap. But veterinarians said Irwin would probably not grow larger than 50 pounds because of his injury and because he has been neutered. Irwin has gained about 20 pounds during the past two years and is now able to hop better.

The city council eventually voted to create an exotic animal ordinance exemption that allowed Carr to keep Irwin within city limits under certain conditions. The permit required exotic animal owners to, among other things, have a \$50,000 liability insurance policy for any injuries inflicted by the animal, certification that the animal has adequate housing and meet all federal and state guidelines for licensing. An anonymous donor paid for Carr's insurance policy.

But growing frustration with city officials caused Carr to move herself and Irwin first to Claremore, then to her parents' home in McAlester and, in March, to the zoo.

"We called her up and offered her a place to stay and Irwin a zoo to hang out with a bunch of other animals, and they've been here ever since," said Schreibvogel, who founded the zoo, which is named after his brother who died in a car accident in 1997.

The park has close to 800 animals — the majority came from sanctuaries and other zoos - and 18 workers. It's a place, Schreibvogel said, where animals and humans come for a second chance.

"Most of the volunteers here are ex-druggies, ex-alcoholics, on prison's door step," he said. "Why do people turn to drugs and alcohol? Usually because they don't fit in somewhere. Well, here these animals don't judge

place in the Oklahoma countryside with his newood, Okla. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, come a country singer. Known as Joe Exotic, Disabilities Act. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

he recently released three songs with music videos and has a reality TV show pilot filming soon, which will feature Irwin and other animals at the park.

Schreibvogel and Carr bonded over the backlash they've both received from animalrights groups. They say it has helped them get to where they are.

"Everybody has an opinion; and everybody has a right to an opinion," Schreibvogel said. "If they would have euthanized him three years ago, he wouldn't be walking around, hopping now, so not everyone knows what they are talking about."



Christie Carr kisses Irwin the kangaroo at the Garold Wayne Interactive Zoologi-Schreibvogel, who looks a bit out of cal Park, where they now live, in Wynbleach-blonde hair, earrings and eyebrow 2013. Carr's therapist has certified Irwin ring and arm full of tattoos, is trying to be- as a therapy pet under the Americans with

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The hole in your shirt that you put your arm through is called an "armsaye."

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ABBA had to negotiate the rights to their name with a canned fish company.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Alpine sight
- 4. "Good grief!"
- 8. Excoriate
- 14. "It's no ____!"
- 15. Dissolute man in fashionable society
- 16. Prompt payments for goods or services
- 17. Brouhaha
- 18. Unload, as stock
- 19. Pizza topping
- 20. Incidental remark
- 23. Pink, as a steak
- 24. Place to put the feet up
- 28. At attention
- 30. Be mistaken
- 32. Circumvent
- **33**. Shouts to attract attention
- 36. Head, for short
- 37. Political entity in Europe
- 42. "Act your ___!"
- 43. Channel in which a tidal current runs
- 44. Change, chemically
- 47. "C'___ la vie!"
- 48. Engagement
- 52. Extradites
- 54. Bounce back, in a way

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- 55. Informal term for nakedness
- 60. Drift off
- 63. Diamond Head locale
- 64. Affranchise
- 65. Being 10 more than 80
- 66. Carbon compound
- 67. "___ Maria"
- 68. Building blocks
- 69. ___ terrier
- 70. Cabernet, e.g.

Down

- 1. Craze
- 2. Map line
- 3. Provide with new wiring

- 4. European language
- 5. Attendee
- 6. "___ Lang Syne"
- 7. Kosher __
- 8. British author of historical novels and ballads
- 9. King of Denmark and Norway who forced Edmund II to divide England with him
- 10. U.S. science fiction writer
- 11. Even if, briefly
- 12. Biddy
- 13. Cousin of -trix
- 21. Irritable
- 22. Small crown

- 25. French Sudan, today
- 26. Jewish month
- 27. "Scream" star Campbell
- 29. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
- 30. Abounding with elms
- 31. Open way for travel
- 34. Auction unit
- 35. Clinch, with "up"
- 37. Grueling
- 38. Arch type
- 39. Ballet move
- 40. "Welcome" site
- 41. Wood heaped for burning dead bodies as a funeral rite
- 45. Spider's work
- 46. Cattle fair
- 49. Eyepiece
- 50. Lift, so to speak
- 51. Caused to increase in intensity
- 53. Deuce toppers
- 56. Works in the garden
- 57. Dungeonlike
- 58. Call to a mate
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RANDOM QUOTES

Politics, it seems to me, for years, or all too long, has been concerned with right or left instead of right or wrong. ~Richard Armour

Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to continually be part of unanimity. ~Christopher Morley

RIDDLE ANSWER

time.

The man and the chicken cross the river, (the fox and corn are safe together), he leaves the chicken on the other side and goes back across.

The man then takes the fox across the river, and since he can't leave the fox and chicken together, he brings the chicken back.

Again, since the chicken and corn can't be left together, he leaves the chicken and he takes the corn across and leaves it with the fox.

He then returns to pick up the chicken and heads across the river one last

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Litterell-y Sports: First week written in the books



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Sports Reporter

The first weekend of college football is officially in the books and there were some interesting things that came out of it. I saw plenty of things about the Big 12 that drew my interest. First off, is how down the conference is Wrestling

this year. It was not all that long ago the conference was being debated with the SEC conference as the best in football

A few years ago we had top quarterbacks like Sam Bradford, Colt McCoy, and Graham Harrel and even I thought the conference stood a chance against the mighty SEC. Since then, the divide between the two conferences has widened. The argument has changed over the years. At first it was the Big XII is better, and then it was the bottom is better, and now there is no discussion at all. The SEC is clearly better. The Big XII might not be the second best conference this year.

When you look at the two conferences today, it is easy to

see that even the SEC bottom is improving. Two examples are Ole Miss and Vanderbilt; who have been bottom dwellers for years and have now begun to work their way up. You do not see that with Iowa State or Kansas. In fact, more teams seem to be going down instead.

This last weekend showed how weak the Big XII exactly is this year. The conference had a measly .500 record against FCS opponents. West Virginia was down by 10 at the half to William & Mary and only won by seven. Slow starts also were a factor this weekend. OSU, OU and Texas all struggled early in each ball game.

Hopefully, the conference will rise again, but it may take

a couple of years. They just are not getting the talent that it takes to be a top conference. This is why I wanted to see Louisville join the conference. They are now a national title contender while they're zero right now in this conference. It may be some time before we see another title for the Big XII.

For me, there were two performances that stuck out in my mind; one bad performance and one good. They were Kansas State and TCU.

Kansas State was the most disappointing team from the weekend. Despite no Colin Klein, the teams should have got past North Dakota State. It was easy to see the absence of linebacker Arthur Brown, as the defense got gashed by the rushing attack of the Bison. It is early, so of course Bill Snyder can turn it around, but unless they find a leader on the field, it could be a long season.

The team who managed to impress me the most this weekend was TCU. Sure they lost, but that does not mean they did not play well. They went toe to toe with one of the top teams in the SEC in LSU and gave them all they wanted. TCU was only down by three at one point in the fourth quarter. I chose TCU to be a sleeper and have a chance to win the conference and right now, they look like the best team.

Central Okla. Wrestling releases 2013 season schedule

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The UCO wrestling team will start the journey for the program's 16th national championship in November. The Bronchos' schedule was officially released a couple of weeks ago. The program will once again be led by head coach David James, who will be in his 32nd season with the program.

"We are making a bid for a regional and tha will be at the end of February first oi March. That's gonna be important this year, said coach David James."

The Bronchos will start the season on Oct. 30. The team will be holding its annual Bronze-Blue Information from Jared White and http://www.uco.edu/wellness/sr/intramurals

intra-squad match at Hamilton Field House. The official season will begin for the team on Nov. 3, starting with the Oklahoma City Open at OCU. The team will get to wrestle at home plenty of times this season. In fact, there are six home duals on the schedule.

"If you look at wrestling at the first of the year there is a lot of events," coach David James said.

The Bronchos will be participating in the national duals in January in Des Moines, Iowa. The MIAA conference tournament for the Bronchos will be on Feb. 8. The NCAA Division II Super-Regionals will be held on March 1 and 2 at a location that has not yet been announced. Two weeks later will be what all teams are looking toward to, The National Tournament, held in Cleveland, Ohio on the 14 and 15.

The Bronchos finished fourth overall as a team at last year's national tournament. This marks the 24th time the program has finished in the top four under Coach James, including five second place finishes. James has led the program to 19 regional titles in his tenure.

The squad has plenty of experience returning, which should lead to a successful season. The team will be returning national champion Cory Dauphin and four other All-Americans to their starting lineup. The team returns Cody Dauphin, Casey Rowell, Jordan Basks, and Chris Watson.

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Any UCO student, faculty, staff, or Wellness Center member can participate in Intramurals. You can sign a team up or sign up as a free agent. Our university registers all of our sports with www.imleagues. com. From this website you can create teams, join teams, see schedules, brackets and be informed when there is a rain out or schedule change. It is the Facebook of intramural scheduling! Free agents who sign up will be combined to form a team as long as there are enough individuals to form a full team. You can also visit the welcome desk downstairs at the Wellness Center for more information.

How much does Intramurals cost?

Team fees for any sport that has league play + a playoff will cost \$50/team. Any sport that consists only of a tournament will cost \$25/team. The sports that do not require a team fee are as follows: dodgeball, kickball, table tennis, wrestling, noodle water polo, Texas Hold 'Em, Olympic Game Night, Flag Football Challenge, and any XBOX/Playstation tournaments. If you sign up as a free agent for a sport that has a fee; you will be required to pay \$5 for each team in each sport you wish to participate

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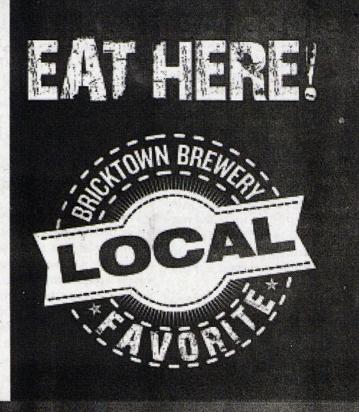
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New season, new conference, same expectations

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

The thermometer might still read in the triple digits, but with the coming-and-going of Labor Day Weekend, fall is officially here. In central Oklahoma that usually means one sport is on everyone's minds, football. There's a less-followed but more successful team that is starting their season soon, as well, though.

The UCO hockey team has been playing since it was instated as a club sport in 2006. In that short time span, it has garnered leaguewide respect for their tenacity and tough playing style and has even advanced as far as the semifinals of the ACHA National Tournament in 2009.

This season, the Bronchos start league play in the newly formed Western Collegiate Hockey League, WCHL, with five other teams. Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, Colorado State, and our cross-town rival the University of Oklahoma, round out the founding six members of this new conference.

League play starts Oct. 17 with a home game against the University of Arizona Wildcats. The games, played at Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Kelly Avenue, are five dollars with a valid student ID. The real deal for anyone interested, though, are the season tickets, where a student is able for twenty dollars to see an entire season of college hockey.

Speaking of the hockey, this new conference guarantees to provide quality entertainment with almost every game. Each of the six found-



UCO sophomore Nolan Grauer against Arkansas Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista

rennial contenders in the national tournaments and with a schedule allowing for multiple games against the same opponents, animosity is almost guaranteed between these

The new conference schedule will allow for each team to play every other interstate team, three times a season. Where it gets inter-

ing members of the WCHL are pe-esting, is the fact that this schedule allows for each member to play its corresponding intrastate opponent four times. For the Bronchos, that means two home-and-home series with the Sooners.

With both of these series coming at critical times in the season, one in early December and the other. coming early in February, you can bet that UCO has the dates circled

on their calendar. These dates are so crucial because of what comes directly after them. The first series with the Sooners comes as the last two games before the Winter break, where wins would help carry momentum into January and the heart of the season. The second series, in early February, are the very last games of the regular season, where

wins help build your way into the

ACHA National Tournament.

With any luck, we will be watching come early march, as UCO will be fighting for a national championship. There are plenty of hurdles for the Bronchos to face before they get to that point though, with the first coming Oct. 17 when they host the Arizona Wildcats.

Associated Press

Rangers beat A's 5-1 for sole possession of 1st

Josh Dubow

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - After getting a taste of a pennant race as a late-season call-up last year, Martin Perez looks nothing like a rookie this time around.

Perez allowed one run in seven innings to win his sixth straight start and Mitch Moreland homered to move the Texas Rangers back into sole possession of first place in the AL West with a 4-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

"He's grown leaps and bounds really," manager Ron Washington said. "It's maturity. The experience he had last year up here helped him tremendously. He realized he can pitch up here and he just goes out there and pitches. Right now a lot of good things are happening for him."

Perez made six appearances after being called up last September and lost twice to the A's to help Oakland steal the AL West title from Texas. Perez (9-3) is doing his best to win that title back this year.

After falling into a tie for first with the A's when they lost the series opener, the Rangers bounced back and are assured of leaving Oakland for the final time in the regular season with at least a share of the division lead.

"When you come the first time, you don't have too much of an idea, how the game is here," Perez said. "It's the same ball, but a lot of guys have more experience than you. I just tried to learn last year and this year too. Every day you learn something new. You have to have a plan for the game. ... I just want to continue."

Bartolo Colon (14-6) allowed three unearned runs in the fifth inning following his own error and missed an opportunity to become first pitcher to reach 20 career wins against Texas. Colon is winless in five starts since July 26 with a DL stint in the middle of that stretch.

The highlight of the game for Oakland came in the sixth inning



Texas Rangers pitcher Martin Perez throws against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

when third baseman Josh Donaldson raced across the vast foul territory at the Coliseum and leaped over the tarp to make a backhand catch to rob David Murphy.

"You're not going to see too many plays better than that," manager Bob Melvin said.

That spectacular play came after a poor decision earlier in the game that squandered a prime scoring chance for Oakland. Donaldson was on second with two outs when Yoenis Cespedes hit a grounder into the hole between third and shortstop. Jurickson Profar got to the ball but held onto it as he had no play at first. Donaldson ran through coach Mike Gallego's stop sign and was easily thrown out at home despite barreling into A.J. Pierzynski.

"For some reason I thought I heard 'go," Donaldson said. "I

know it wasn't Gags because as soon as I took two steps he was saying, 'Stay here, stay here.' It ended up being a really bad play for us and for myself."

Oakland didn't threaten again off Perez and lost for just the second time in its past nine games.

Colon, making his second start back from a strained left groin, stranded runners on third with less than two outs in the first and third innings. But he lost the lead on Moreland's solo homer with two outs in the fourth.

The Rangers struck for three unearned runs in the fifth inning to take a 4-1 lead with help from two comebackers that Colon could not handle. The rally started when Craig Gentry reached on an error with one out when his grounder popped out of Colon's glove. Gentry scored on Profar's double into

the right-field corner that rookie Michael Choice bobbled.

Ian Kinsler followed with another comebacker that hit off Colon's glove and was ruled an infield single. Adrian Beltre added a runscoring groundout and Pierzynski blooped an RBI single.

"The one play that made the difference was the groundball hit to me that I dropped," Colon said through an interpreter. "It was a routine play."

Alex Rios added a leadoff homer in the eighth to make it 5-1.

Perez followed up his perfect August by winning again to start September, shutting Oakland down after Coco Crisp doubled and scored on Jed Lowrie's sacrifice fly in the

Perez became the first Texas pitcher to win six consecutive starts since Kenny Rogers won

eight straight in 2005. His last four wins have come against All-Star pitchers, outdueling Seattle's Felix Hernandez twice and Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox once.

"After the leadoff double, he was lights out," Pierzynski said. "He had all the pitches going."

NOTES: Moreland has five HRs this season at the Coliseum. ... Pierzynski caught his 100th game for Texas, joining Bill Dickey, Johnny Bench and Brad Ausmus as the only players to reach that milestone in 13 straight seasons. ... Rangers SS Elvis Andrus missed his third straight game with a sore back and could be back for the series finale Wednesday or Friday in Anaheim. ... Oakland's Jarrod Parker (10-6). who is 8-0 in his last 17 starts, takes Yu Darvish (12-6) in the series finale Wednesday.