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STATE

Texas ag head visits troops, works on trade

LUBBOCK (AP) — Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has been in Iraq this week as part of a global effort to promote Texas agriculture and know-how and to visit troops.

At the urging of Texas farmers and ranchers, Staples is seeking out international trading partners. He went to Iraq to help establish relations with that country, which analysts say imports 70 percent, valued at about \$3 billion — of its food.

Staples said Thursday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Iraq that the country was to be a major agricultural exporter decades ago. But war with Iran and sanctions put in place under the regime of former dictator Saddam Hussein have left the country's agricultural sector struggling.

NATION

Sources: More US troops for Afghan war

WASHINGTON (AP) - Concerned about the faltering war in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama plans to dispatch thousands more military and civilian trainers on top of the 17,000 fresh combat troops he's already ordered, people familiar with the forthcoming plan said Thursday.

Obama also will call for increasing aid to neighboring Pakistan as long as its leaders confront militants in the border region. The president plans to lay out his revamped strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan on Friday.

WORLD

Somali pirates hijack 2 tankers in 24 hours

BRUSSELS (AP) — Pirates armed with machine guns hijacked a Norwegian chemical tanker Thursday off the coast of Somalia, the ship's owner said, an attack that came less than 24 hours after a smaller Greekowned vessel was seized in the same area.

The U.S. 5th Fleet, which patrols the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden, confirmed both hijackings and said they took place in the same area but separate from the gulf, one of the world's busiest and now most treacherous - sea

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U.S. military deaths in

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Officials review higher ed legislation

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ AND JON VANDERLAAN

Habitatifor Humanity

Texas congressmen have been busy the ready has made a last several months lobbying for higher successful move education resulting in several bills, some toward tier-one of which may help Tech in the push to status in the last become a flagship university.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, after a licans organization, said Tech should maintain the push toward tier-one status to receive more funding.

"The key to higher education in El Paso," he said. funding is to continue to strive for tier-

technologies funds grants."

Perry said he Texas Tech administrators and local believes Tech alfew years.

"(Tech) Chan-

speech with the Tech College Repub- cellor (Kent) Hance and the board of regents have done a good job of putting Tech on track with the medical school and the expansion of the medical school

Several bills also are being reviewed one institution status," he said, "being in the Texas Congress to help emerging able to acquire things like emerging research universities attain a national

research university status.

Senate Bill 1560 and Senate Joint Resolution 35, which establish a National Research University Fund and the

means to fund it, and Senate Bill 175, which would establish a process for universities to draw universities, are intended to help emerging criteria. research universities reach their goal.

SB 1560 and SJR 35, authored by Sens. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, also outline

multiple criteria, including endowment and research funding criteria, for universities to meet in order to be able to draw

from the fund.

HANCE

Hance said the fund will help

the university as a long-term source of research money and the university already funds from a source to become tier-one has or is "extremely close" to meeting the

SHAPLEIGH

Since Tech Health Sciences Center President John Baldwin has taken over, he said, the HSC has become more researchbased as opposed to strictly clinical-based,

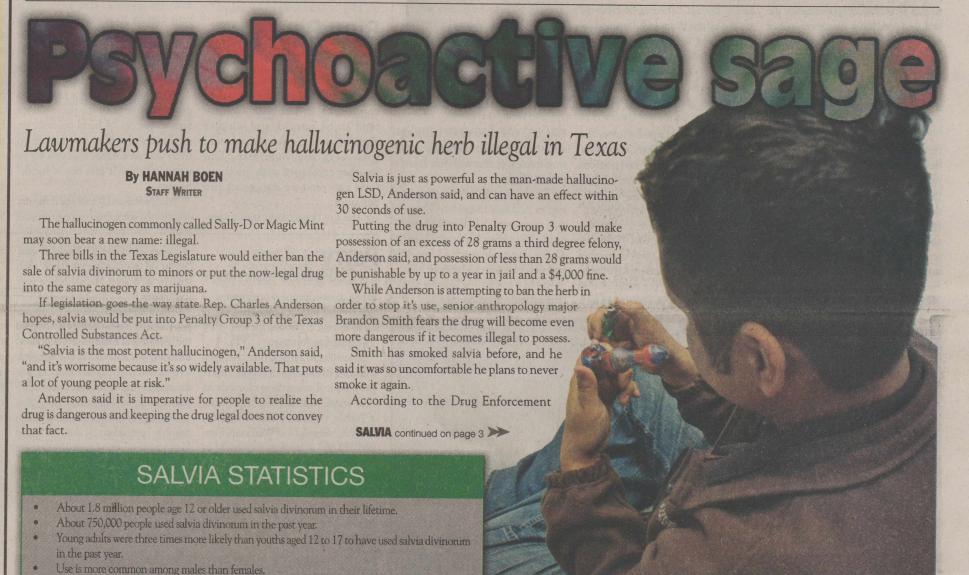
which has helped Tech's research push. "The HSC is just as high a priority

when it comes to research," Hance said. SB 175, authored by Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, would set up "Tier One Challenge" funding based on a desire to bring Texas universities to tier-one status.

According to a fiscal note provided by Shapleigh's office, it would take about \$147.3 million per institution each year to raise the seven emerging research universities in Texas to tier-one status.

The seven emerging research universities include Tech, the University of Houston, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Arlington, the

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Source: U.S. Department of Justice February 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health Report

Obama budget proposal to eliminate student federal aid subsidies to banks

Use was more common among individuals ages 18 years old to 25 years old than those 26 years

By JON VANDERLAAN NEWS EDITOR

old or older.

President Barack Obama's budget proposal includes a provision to eliminate subsidies to private lenders for federal student grants and loans, which according to one Tech official may cause problems for the federal government.

longer will be given, eliminating student loan program. the middle-man from the lending process. The money saved from fund Pell Grants.

However, the provision will federal student aid on the federal government.

Becky Wilson, director of Student Financial Aid at Tech, said the federal government may not creased volume of students seeking not be paying the subsidies.

federal financial aid the government will encounter.

have the structure nor the man power to handle the program, she said, and task back to the private lenders.

According to a statement from Wells Fargo/Wachovia, one of the private lenders on Tech's lender list, According to the administrathe company hopes to participate in tion's budget proposal, government a constructive dialogue on how to middle income families also may subsidies to private lenders no improve the public-private federal

Wilson also said the private lendthe subsidies will be used to further that the federal government may not be able to provide.

However, Christine Lindstrom, put the burden of overseeing the director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said in a teleconference on college affordability that while banks would like to lead the public to believe the banks provide many extra benefits, the federal govbe able to handle the entire federal ernment will be able to provide many aid program because of the in- of the same benefits because they will

Wilson said the plan also would limit student choices in where they The federal government does not choose to process their loans.

Because the federal government will process all federal aid, she said, probably will end up out-sourcing the the element of competition is not

> "I think that it limits our students' choices as far as private loans are concerned," Wilson said.

Students with middle to uppersuffer because of a decrease in choices for federal aid, she said, and the fact the Pell Grant is not available to ers offer extra benefits to students those who are not from low-income

> "You have to ask, 'Are you taking away choices from students who are not Pell eligible?" Wilson said.

> Robert Brandon, the director for the Campaign for College Affordability, said his coalition pushed for states to further invest in higher education and has pushed for lower federal interest rates.

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Commissioner's Court to vote on 4-month county burn ban

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

By HALIE HARTMAN STAFF WRITER

The recent rain that Lubbock has experienced has not been enough to lift the burn ban, said Mark Heinrich, County Commissioner for Precinct 2.

corporated areas, such as burning trash or piles of wood and the use of a closed propane grill should be used with discretion, he said.

Although the recent rain has not affected the burn ban, it still a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

"This is a typically dry time of normally anyways, but we haven't hardly seen any for the past five and a half months," he said. "So now that we've had several recent back more towards a normal type of rainfall pattern."

Heinrich said the burn ban, which can be extended every 90 days, could be lifted at the next County Commissioners Court meeting April 13, depending upon whether Lubbock gets enough rain, snow and moisture.

It is important to declare burn bans because they lessen the poten-In Lubbock, a burn ban means tial for fires that could burn property no open, outdoor burning in unin- and hurt people, said Garett Nelson, the public information officer at the Lubbock Fire Marshal's office.

"Wildfires can be incredibly damaging, not just for the now, but even for the future as it consumes what we need to have on the ground for is a good sign, said Ron McQueen, cows to eat," he said. "It's more than just the fact that grass burns, it is also harmful to our environment."

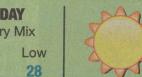
Heinrich said the dry conditions year for us, we don't see a lot of rain are worse than last year, causing the ban to be put into effect Jan. 26, almost a month earlier than last year.

"All of the rains we had in the fall made the vegetation grow taller light rain events there is some than normal," he said, "and so all that hope that maybe we're getting brush is taller and therefore there is a

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doctor-patient bedside manner in 2010

By KENDYL SEBESTA STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Merrill said. "I researcher plans to expand on a study know the Famabout beside relationships between pa- ilv Practice area tients and doctors in West Texas sometime

HSC Nurse Practitioner Studies sends out patient Department Chairwoman Emily Merrill satisfaction sursaid the initial study she conducted was veys on a regular basis, but I don't think partially funded by the Tech School of there is any sort of board in place anywhere Nursing as a quality assurance measure and that ensures proper bedside manner." partly through a grant, which also may be the case for her upcoming 2010 study.

The initial research study conducted their education, but nothing specific can by Merrill addressed stigmas overweight be found in the nursing curriculum related women faced in West Texas health care to the issue. settings, she said, finding that many overweight female patients felt dismissed had to go through things like trying to find cator at Tech Student Health Serin certain health care practices.

Merrill said she hopes to expand got to their health care provider," she said. the study next year to include research regarding the experiences of different examine their attitudes toward overweight cultures and possibly men in the health care setting.

"I found many patients who felt dismissed by health care professionals due to their weight," she said. "They said that they were often told they needed to lose weight despite having already tried and felt doctors immediately used that as a solution without considering other certain time. factors."

The same patients did not encounter up until the 1960s, girls with curves were feelings of disrespect from health care much more desirable because they were practitioners in regular exam settings, typically wealthy and considered more such as gynecological appointments, she said, and sometimes felt certain nurses straight up and down look became a lot is by talking to a professional if they feel respected them more.

"There are usually things in place quite know entirely."

to ensure quality care at health care facilities," Sciences Center



Merrill said Tech nursing students are

"Some of the patients that I talked to

a comfortable place to sit as soon as they

"I think health care places should really

patients and should look at the tools they

use in their practice to see if they have

Tech Student Counseling Center, said

issues relating to body image also are

often determined by the culture a person

is exposed to and what is accepted at a

Lisa Viator, a staff psychologist at the

weight friendly alternatives."

taught communication skills throughout

tered issues of stereotyping in group exercises she conducts at the Student Counseling Center that reflect the amount of judgment that is placed on their bodies and reflect the desire for women to be thin.

Viator said she has also encoun-

"When people are shown paper silhouettes of women with varying body types, those with larger silhouettes were often stereotyped as ugly or lazy, while those with skinnier shapes were called beautiful or lovable," she said. "I think people begin to think that way because of the cultural stereotypes that are placed on women's bodies now and the emphasis the media puts on skinny

Amanda Eldredge, a health eduvices, said people also may develop negative attitudes toward weight through environmental situations and how they were raised, how they developed and the attitudes of their

"Healthy curvy is a good thing," Eldredge said. "We have dieticians and nutritionists here at Student Health Services, and there is also the rec Fitness and Wellness Center which can help with creating an exercise plan, plus the Student Counseling Center "Back in the early 20th century and can also help with psychological areas if a person wants to become healthier."

The first step people can take to fertile," she said. "Then in the 1960s the maintain or achieve a healthy weight more popular for reasons that we don't they have a problem, she said.

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HSC researcher to continue study on SGA Senate discusses election code, accountability of senators

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Govern- floor according ment Association Student Senate to James Baumpassed legislation dealing with the homecoming election code and voted to table a bill that holds senators ac- and internal countable for their duties Thursday vice president evening in the Senate Room of the of SGA. Student Union Building.

the internal vice president and the as well. Student Senate.

chairman and senator-at-large, who more senators involved. voted to table the bill, said the idea behind the bill is strong, but the bill itself needs reworking.

"I just feel like there are a lot of other good ideas out there, and I future." think this could turn into a really great thing with some collaboration from the entire senate," Bellah said.

Kyle Crowl, budget and finance chairman and author of the bill, said he would have liked the bill to pass election code each year, he said, will hold SGA Day April 1 outside because he believes now that the previous cases should be deemed ir- of the SUB to register people to vote bill is tabled, SGA president Lee relevant when compared to current and give them information regarding Bobbitt will veto the bill.

The tabling of the bill will need

Burn Ban

lot more fuel basically to burn."

McQueen said the weather

the senate to bring the bill back on the gartner, president of Senate

The senate also voted against The senate voted to table Sen- Senate Bill 44.18, by one vote which ate Bill 44.17, which states sena- stated the election commission tors should adhere to their duty of should consider previous hearings representing student organizations in their decision process for appeals SGA meeting and should be held accountable by and precedent should impact appeals

Crowl said, as one of the authors Brad Bellah, intergovernmental of the bill, he should have gotten

> "We failed to get more people involved, but we're not attacking anyone," he said. "We want this to be the way things are run for the

Bellah, who also voted against Senate Bill 44.18, said he felt his decision to vote against the bill was organizations can appeal any amount the right decision.

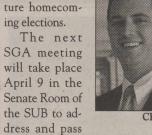
Because the SGA changes the

The SGA passed Senate Bill 44.16 to result in a two thirds vote from that adopted rules from the regular

ment also has extra staff on high-risk

days, Nelson said.

election code to the homecoming election process. The bill appropriated new restrictions of the code such as section 11.29, which states only verbal campaigning will be allowed for fu-



the budget bill for 2009-2010. During that meeting they also will take any last-minute appeals from organizations that were appointed funding from the SGA. On April 2, the senate's budget and finance committee will hold mediation hearings in which leaders of allocated to them from SGA.

The SGA also announced they the upcoming election about alcohol sales in Lubbock.

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New estimate raises ND flood higher than sandbags

the Red River: After they spent the raised to withstand a 42-foot crest. day preparing for a record crest of 41 feet, forecasters added up to 2 feet to he said. their estimate.

The first estimate sparked urgency among thousands of volunteers in of volunteers had labored through-Fargo, but the second sparked doubts out the day to raise the dikes around for up to a week — a lengthy test about whether a 43-foot-high wall of North Dakota's largest city to 43 feet. of on-the-fly flood control.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Bad water could be stopped. Across the City and emergency officials had news turned dire Thursday for resiriver in Moorhead, Minn., City Man-said they were confident the city dents scrambling in subfreezing ager Michael Redlinger said portions would make it, but will now have temperatures to pile sandbags along of his city's dike could not be easily to build higher.

"Now everything's up in the air,"

Saturday afternoon, and thousands

The National Weather Service said in guidance issued late Thursday afternoon that the Red was The old estimate was 41 feet by expected to crest between 41 and 42 feet, but could reach 43 feet. It said water levels could remain high



University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

other states, including the Universities of Buffalo, Arizona, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska and Wisconsin, averaged \$11,867 in state appropriations in 2006-2007, while state appropriations for from Tech's administration. the seven Texas universities was \$5,160

conditions in Lubbock County day, where we have the potential for tend to be warmer and windier fires to get out of hand quicker, we than what is considered normal, send extra people to any fire we go with very low humidity. The to so we can control it as quickly as rest of the year." weather combined with dried-out possible before it gets out of hand,"

"Anytime we have a high-wind

fuels can produce dangerous fire he said.

McQueen said it looks as if the dry The fire department tries to pre- conditions are going to continue and

vent fires by increasing the public's possibly become less severe, but that awareness of the risk so that careless does not mean the conditions will be CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 decisions are not made. The depart- worse than previous years.

> "Last year at this time, we had similar conditions and ended up having a very wet late spring, summer and early fall," he said. "So just because we are drying out, it doesn't mean we are going to stay dry for the

> Burn bans are in effect for 166 counties across Texas according to the Texas Forest Service.

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litical will by Texas business leaders and elected officials to meet the challenge

of higher ed funding," Shapleigh said, "when on average, Texas funds each

According to the bill, the money aper Education Coordinating Board gathered long-term strategic plan documenting how who placed in the top 10 percent in GPA that national research institutions in the institution intends to achieve recognion of their high school class — when the tion as a research university

Although Perry said this year's legislation has been relatively slow, he would like to continue seeing more development

"This has been a relatively slow session," he said. "We are going to produce "What is daunting is the lack of po-from Austin, but I'd rather more be in the hands of the people at Tech."

A bill also was passed in the Texas

Senate Wednesday that will change the "top 10 percent rule," but Hance said student at a level \$6,000 below peer Tech will not immediately be affected by the bill.

Senate Bill 175 will allow universities propriated for the fund will be allocated as to disregard the top 10 percent rule — a the board sees fit based on several criteria, rule that offers automatic acceptance into According to the fiscal note, the High- including the submission of a detailed, any Texas public university to any student number of students accepted by this rule exceeds 50 percent.

Because Tech only accepts about 20 percent to 25 percent of these students, Hance said, he does not see Tech being affected by the bill in the near future.

Hance also said the university will attempt to keep tuition low in light of the recession, despite a tuition cap of 9.9 percent compared to the previous year's cap of 4.4 percent.

A student with 15 credit hours at Tech pays \$1,405.05 for designated tuition. which is included in the total \$3,391.55

for tuition and fees. While Hance said he does not believe the university will meet the 9.9 percent increase, it is too early to tell exactly what will happen with tuition and fees because the numbers largely depend on the amount of money given by the

legislature. Tech President Guy Bailey was not immediately available for comment. >>> cyndi.rodriguez@ttu.edu

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Pell ←

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He said he does not want students to go to a less-protected private market to obtain loans.

Robert Borosage, the co-director for the Campaign for America's future — the organization that hosted the teleconference — said he also is worried the increases in Pell Grants may empower universities to raise tuition, which ultimately would hurt the middle to upper-middle income families that do not qualify for the

According to a news release from the U.S. PIRG, the Pell Grant maximum award amount would increase from \$5,350 to \$5,550 with the elimination of the subsidies, and would increase recipients in the United States by 260,000.

While only a \$200 increase, Lindstrom said every little bit helps, and the group hopes the provision is only a "stepping stone" for future years.

With the elimination of subsidies, the federal government would contribute \$47 billion to Pell Grants over five years, according to the release, and would contribute \$5 billion to Pell Grants in the first year of savings.

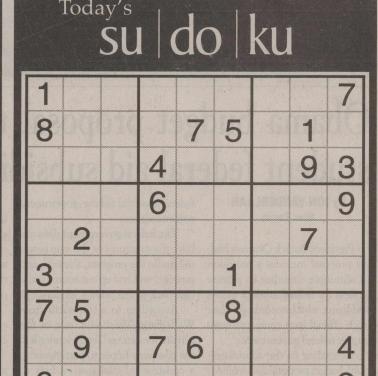
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Students build home at Greek Circle for Lubbock man

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Six years ago, Enrique Orosco approached the Habitat for Humanity of home. Thursday, building on that home began in the last place he expected:

The Texas Tech Greek community will work around the clock until Saturday evening to complete the home for Orosco, entirely by a single campus entity. who will move in this fall with his son,

me feel so happy to think about being the owner of a home while I watch it being built from the ground up.'

He must complete 500 sweat equity hours before he can move into his home, he said, which has meant spending most of his free time working on the sites of other Habitat homes. However, Orosco said the work will be worth it when he gets to see his son move into a home of his own.

The two live in an efficiency behind through and get a diploma." the home of Orosco's grandfather without a kitchen or hot water, and Orosco said he is overwhelmed with appreciation for the students giving their money and

Sandy Anderson, Lubbock Habitat for Greek community. Humanity's executive director, said she felt Orosco and his son were perfect candidates into building," she said, "they've worked for the home, which is the first to be built

"They want to do something as a group "It's exciting," Orosco said. "It makes said about the Greek community, "and Enrique and Hayden needed a home."

> the Lubbock Habitat for Humanity and has seen several organizations throughout campus give time and energy to building the biggest issue the group faced when various homes.

"We wouldn't build homes if it weren't for Tech," she said, "and this project brings awareness to the city of what these students are about. They don't just float come in so easily," he said. "It's proof of the home in groups of 30 to 45 people.

After the home is built in Greek borhood where Orosco and his son will \$50,000, which has been raised by the Orosco.

"They're not only putting their time like dogs to raise the money to build this."

that's bigger than themselves," Anderson was the public relations and community others. service chair for the interfraternity council Anderson said Tech is a vital part of the efforts of the Greek community for a Habitat build first came about.

The Conroe native said money was deciding to execute the project, but he was amazed at the charitable spirit of both active members and alumnus.

"I never anticipated the money to

generosity of the Greek community." Crowl takes pride in the willingness

Circle, it will be moved to the neigh- of students within Greek organizations to participate in service to the community reside. Anderson said the total cost to and he said the group's members have Lubbock with a dream to own his own time to help him on his road to home build and move the house amounts to excited to be part of building a home for

Katie Gibson, public relations chair for the Panhellenic Executive Council, said although fraternities and sororities often participate in charitable events, the Greek Build offers a unique opportunity Political science senior Kyle Crowl to get involved as a whole in helping

"We're not just attending something two years ago when the idea to combine or supporting a philanthropy," said the junior marketing and management major make someone else's life better."

> The project will involve students from the interfraternity council, the intergreek council, the panhellenic council and the National Panhellenic Council. Students will be working on a Habitat for Humanity

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Tore

MEMBERS OF THE Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority place the frame of a wall during a Habitat for Humanity build Thursday at Greek Circle.

"It's great that people can put aside their differences," she said. "No matter what house they're from, I'm seeing lots of students coming together to help.'

Orosco said he found it rewarding to >>> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

Gibson said it has been a privilege be part of the project, and he is looking from McKinney. "We're using our hands to to see students get excited to get inforward to watching his son play on the volved in building a home for a family neighborhood playground and have his own bedroom.

> "Hayden has seen the community where we'll be living," he said, "and he can't wait to go down the slide and have his cousins over.'

Salvia ←

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Administration Web site, a limited number of studies reported the drugs effects include uncontrolled laughter, a sense of loss of body, overlapping realities and other hallucinations.

"It was terrible," Smith said, referring to the way he felt while using the drug. "It was the most horrific experience I've ever had in my life."

Smith, a Petersburg native, said the substance is strong and he doesn't know of anyone who uses and boundaries."

the herb on a regular basis. with," he said. "I don't agree with it

being illegal, however." Smith said making the herb ilof people who know how to use it term. properly and send it to the streets

"it's not going to disappear. It's going in use. to put it into the hands of the black

more desirable.

"Bringing it up," he said, "and make it more of a mystery."

and is mainly something that people passed in Texas. only try once. In fact, he has never >>> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

known anyone to smoke the herb on more than three occasions.

"It's like skydiving," he said, "you do it once so you can experience a new part of your life. I feel like a different person based on that experience.'

Although Anderson said he realizes Smith's concerns and believes they are legitimate, he feels it is his responsibility to protect people from believing salvia is harmless.

"There's a certain group in our society that we will never reach," Anderson said. "My point is to reach those that do respect society's laws

Harvey Madison, vice president "It isn't anything to mess around of the Lubbock chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said it is puzzling to him that a mild and seemingly harmless substance legal would take it out of the hands would carry such a lengthy prison

While Madison admitted to not where it may become more danger having much knowledge of the drug, he said from what he did know, the "If you make it illegal," he said, drug was not addictive or widespread

"This sounds like another move by the religious right wing as a part People who do not know what of their anti-pleasure crusade," he to expect from the hallucinogen said. "Our prisons have already probably will not enjoy the effects, been overfilled with non-violent Smith said, and bringing attention minor drug offenses, and this would to the drug will only make it seem aggravate the situation with great cost to lives."

According to the U.S. Departtrying to make a big fuss about it ment of Justice Web site, 13 states will bring lots of attention to it and have already enacted legislation to place regulatory controls on the Smith said the herb is not known mind-altering mint. Madison said to be a recreational, every day drug with any luck the bill will not be

Warm weather ahead provides chance for running outdoors

With the temperatures rising and the days becoming a little bit longer, it's a great time to pick up running outdoors for your cardio.

There are a multitude of benefits to running outdoors, from the change of scenery to the fresh air and sunlight. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of running is not falling into the same routine every time you go for a jog.

Instead, it is important to remember to mix up your workouts and routes to keep your runs fresh and interesting.

Running is a great form of endurance training and like any other training, it should be preceded by a warm and jogging for a given period of up and followed by a cool down.

If you're planning on going on a beforehand is a great way to warm

up. After your workout, don't just stop and begin stretching, walk for a couple minutes to bring your heart rate down and then stretch out.

John

Miller

Interval training is a form of running that utilizes both fast- and slowtwitching muscles by transitioning between sprinting

Thirty seconds of sprinting, follight jog, static stretching and walking lowed by one minute of jogging, then repeated for six to eight times

more advanced runners, switching exceed, which would be 158 bpm. between a minute of sprinting and two minutes of jogging may be more applicable.

On lighter workout days, running at a consistent pace for at least 20 minutes is a good workout. You can check to ensure you are keeping a good pace by checking your heart rate.

Find your maximum heart rate by subtracting your age from 220 (226 for control measures to ensure you remain women) and multiplying that number by your desired level of intensity.

The level you want to train at for jogging is the aerobic zone, which is generally 70 percent to 80 percent of your maximum heart rate. For example, if Nick is 23, his formula would be as follows: (220-23) multiplied by .7, which equals 138 beats per minute.

He can then redo the formula for

is a great workout for beginners. For 80 percent so he knows what not to He can check his pulse by placing his index and middle finger to the top of his neck right under his jaw. Then he can divide 138 and 158 by 10, so he knows he should count between 14 to 16 pulses in six seconds on his neck.

> Running is a great way to stay in shape, lose weight and tone muscle. By utilizing proper techniques and within your ability level and target heart rate, you will undoubtedly see results by sticking to a well-established

■ Have a fitness related question? John Miller is an ACE certified personal trainer at the Rec Center and graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.

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City uses Facebook

Kevin Tobosa got word Thursday that a friend needed help building a sandbag dike, he immediately posted a status update on his Facebook page: "Heading to 2825 Lilac Lane in North Fargo - needs to be raised another 2

to fight floodwaters

volunteers at other dikes, Tobosa suggested setting up a Facebook group. By Thursday, it had attracted more than 4,550 members and was constantly picking up

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Sensor allows study of larger fish groups

WASHINGTON (AP) - New technology is allowing researchers and conservationists to watch the movement of large groups of fish as they gather into shoals and later

Focusing on Atlantic herring, the scientists were, for the first time, able to observe the fish gather off Georges Bank near Cape Cod, Mass., where they spawn under cover of dark, according to a report in Friday's edition of the journal Science. With dawn, the large mass of

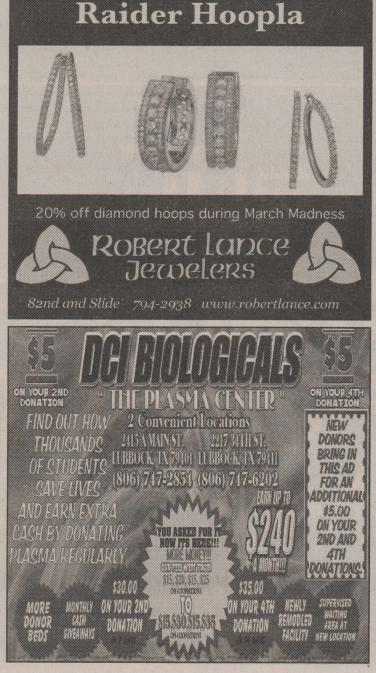
herring return to deeper waters and scatter, according to the researchers led by Nicholas C. Makris, a professor of mechanical and ocean engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Using a system called Ocean Acoustic Waveguide Remote Sensing, the team can observe shoals of fish as much as 25 miles across, compared to past echo-sounders which cover only a small area.

Makris says the change is like moving from seeing a single pixel to the entire movie.

The new observing system also allows scientists to study the behavior of animals that gather in groups in more detail than had been possible previously.

The finding helps confirm theories that when groups such as fish, birds or locusts reach a certain population density a change occurs from disorganized behavior to synchronized activity.



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ident Barack Obama is good at campaigning while reading a teleprompter, but is fantastic at putting his foot in his mouth without one.

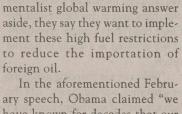
He's appointed a treasury secretary who can't do his taxes and decided the best way to pull sounded particularly good for a survival depends on finding new the country out of bone-crushing sound byte. financial problems is to spend nearly \$1 trillion more, a tactic who wants to help the industry, According to the Associated which I wish would work in my suggested help in the only way Press, that's not quite the case. own personal life.

He also seems to believe he knows what Americans need when an address to a joint session of Congress on Feb. 24, he discussed the fate of the auto industry, and pledged his support, saying, "I believe the nation that invented from it."



Democrats know how: oppressive governmental regulations. On the Obama/Biden Web site, it comes to their automobiles. In they say they plan to "increase fuel economy standards 4 percent per and have declined steadily to 4.9 year while providing \$4 billion billion in 2007, and is projected

for domestic automakers to retool to import 4.7 billion barrels in their manufacturing facilities in 2009. Government projections America to produce these ve- show oil importation will either the automobile cannot walk away hicles," further expanding on the stay steady or decline over the increased Corporate next two decades. Average Fuel



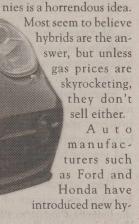
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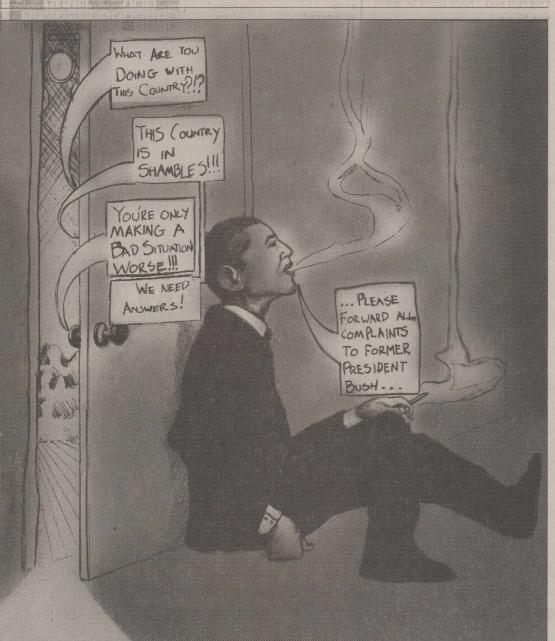
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sources of energy. Yet we import Obama, being a Democrat more oil today than ever before."

> The AP, in a fact check of the February speech, illustrated foreign oil imports peaked in 2005 at over 5 billion barrels,

> With the possible demise of General Motors and Chrysler still looming, the idea of imposing further regulations on the compa-





brid vehicles, and Toyota has introduced a new Prius, but not at the right time. As the economy slumps, so do car sales of all types.

According to the Los Angeles Times, only 15,144 hybrids sold last month nationwide, which is a two-thirds decrease from April of 2008. It's quite the far cry from the Prius waiting list of yesteryear. Also, for the massive investment the auto manufacturers make to produce these over-hyped hybrids, they represent only about 2 percent of vehicle sales in the United States, meaning each, save the Prius, is sold at a stiff loss to the company.

The government's push for fuel economy through hybrid technology isn't surprising, since these companies are operating on our tax dollars, and are taking a lesson in waste from the big boys: the federal government.

For feasible improvements in fuel economy that won't bankrupt the company, clean diesel is a great alternative. A turbocharged direct injection diesel, such as some Volkswagen Jetta models can achieve better fuel economy than the much beloved Prius, as was found by a USA Today reporter who attempted to drive 500 miles in each.

Reporter David Kiley took a 2004 Jetta TDI and a Prius out for an extended drive, and found despite claims the Prius would travel 500 miles on a single tank, the hybrid only traveled 422 miles before the low-fuel light came on, averaging 38 miles per gallon. The Jetta TDI averaged 44 miles per gallon at the same 72 miles per hour at which the Prius was tested.

Toyota's excuse was that the optimal 51 miles per gallon could only be achieved by traveling at 55 miles per hour in optimal driving conditions.

In the city, the hybrid would do somewhat better, but is still absolutely hideous no matter where you take it. Also, according to the Los Angeles Times, Toyota admitted last year that it took nearly a decade for the company to finally pull a profit off of the popular Prius.

Politicians such as Obama and his Democrat players getting involved in the production and sale of cars, whether bailing out the companies or working to bankrupt the companies through governmental regulations are only worried about image.

They shan't concern themselves with trivial matters such as the effectiveness of the policies and businesses, as long as they sound good to their friends at the Sierra Club.

After all, an election fundraiser is never too far away.

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You get a package or an envelope at the front door obviously not addressed to you. Instead, the contents are meant for your roommate, or let's say you're at an office and they belong to someone else.

Perhaps someone you've never heard of or met, which of course makes it perfectly fine to proceed with your ity, (especially if that person is not time to confess. around). If they are absent, heck, that's all been through it.

"Well, they won't mind if I open it, eat it or use it, right?" Wrong.

what you've been looking for: a delicious buffet of snacks sent from a sweet mom (how come you stopped sending me those, mother?) or a set of DVDs.

It's like finding a shopping cart left alone in a grocery store with everything on your shopping list.

Turns out, that shopping cart actually belongs to a disgruntled employee restocking depleted items.

you've already convinced yourself you have every right to ride off with that cart, or more symbolically, to open that package.

Back to reality, so standing alone in a room with the package securely if someone is around), search for an among those close to you. apparatus to rip through the cardboard

The anticipation is unbelievable and worth every cardinal rule that is currently being stepped on and burnt.

Then it stops when you realize the mystery object has no way of impacting your life in a positive way, how sad.

Now the realization of what you've

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It's time to pick up the phone and humanistic need for satisfying curios- call the person you have trespassed. It's

The reaction could be extreme an open invitation right there, we've disappointment or apathy, especially if you would have just called the person beforehand and asked politely, "Do and just see what it is," you think to you think I could rip open your packyourself as you calmly observe your age? I think I could get pretty good surroundings. "As long as I don't read use out of it before you realize it was delivered."

That's another thing, telling people Next thing you know it's exactly the package hasn't come when the remnants of a three-flavored popcorn bucket (preferably cheddar, caramel and regular flavors) sits in your closet and the cardboard box it came in rests in a dumpster (everyone knows you must get rid of the evidence).

> Yes, the curiosity of incoming mail truly is a blissful situation at times.

For example, there are plenty of who is walking up and down the aisles young men out there still living with their parents who are checking the mailbox But hey, they're not around, and religiously for the infamous magazine wrapped in black plastic (that's right, dad's dirty magazines).

Or maybe that was just me — is me, whatever. I have needs too.

Seriously though, this is a legitimate situation that some people run into at glued to your hands, you frantically, or some point in their lives. Not the dirty sneakily (as if the package is for you, magazines specifically, but postal thievery

There is a moral checklist when opening other people's mail. Is it justified? Does it matter? If you're unsure, you can wait it out and intently watch the rightful owner like it's his or her birthday and your gift they're opening.

As for me, I don't think anything will ever beat dad's dirty magazines in

done comes over you, unless you do WYbarra is The DT's managing this on the "reg," then you won't feel editor. E-mail him at daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu.

College students unlikely to recover from recession

By DREW BELLE ZERBY THE DAILY REVEILLE, LSU

We're not Generation Y. We're Labor Statistics. not the Information Generation OMG, as The New York Times writer Kate Zernike so cleverly coined.

We're Generation OMFG—be-

cause classmates, we're effed. We're thousands of dollars in debt from student loans - and

change on street corners so we can you know it's bad. pay back our loans in time.

Twenty-two percent fewer college graduates will be hired this year compared to last year, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Sixty-seven percent of employers said they have altered their hiring plans for the class of 2009 by lowering and even eliminating spring hiring. And 21 percent are offering less internship opportunities.

The unemployment rate as a

whole was 8.1 percent in February, which is nearly double what it was a year ago, according to the Bureau of

And at the rate it's going, May either. We're not even Generation won't be much prettier — which means "Pomp and Circumstance" won't be music to our ears.

Although Ben Bernanke, Federal Reserve chairman, claimed the recession will be done by the end of the year, that doesn't mean there's a light at the end of the tunnel — because when the Six months after we toss our hats current Fed chair decides to do the first we'll be using them to collect spare interview in the history of Fed chairs,

> The recession, or rather the Great Recession, is the worst to hit the U.S. since the early 1980s.

> It lasted from July 1981 to November 1982, and skyrocketed the unemployment rate from 7.2 percent to 10.8 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

> And the wages of those who graduated during this recession didn't return to pre-recession levels for at least 10

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Rockport Center for the Arts features 3 Texas Tech students

By CAYLOR BALLINGER STAFF WRITER

Different stories come to life through soft-feathered brush strokes, metal molding for three Texas Tech graduate students recently featured in a Texas art exhibit.

Arts will showcase the creativity of a job doing something I love to do." emerging Texas college students in its colleges and universities, including the Unraveling.' work of three Tech graduate students.

piece "Organism" in the exhibit.

Schuhmann said she completed their children." several compositional studies in microfor the Arts Exhibit competition.

"After so many rejections I was happy and surprised to get in the Rockport exhibit," she said, "and shocked to that force change. receive honorable mention."

In the art community many people said. "It's something I have to do." view metal working as a craft rather than art, Schuhmann said, but she game, he said. Artists apply to many nidis said. "Art should display technical disagreed because metal art can be exhibits and may be chosen for one or difficulty, showcase imagination and as original and beautiful as other art two, but it is worth the trouble.

some people have a prejudice to wear-featured in the exhibit. able pieces as art, so I picked pieces that

were not wearable.' angled photography and innovative she said, but not impossible with per-

The Rockport Center for the said. "I have never been able to not find showcase his work.

third annual "Rising Eyes of Texas" Christopher Voss was selected to be in said the goal of the exhibit is to support art exhibit from March 4 to Saturday. the "Rising Eyes of Texas" show for a emerging artists throughout the state. Artwork was selected from 14 Texas mixed media piece called "Contained

Emily Schuhmann, a fine arts done which are affected by contain- range of art." graduate student, was awarded honorment," Voss said. "As a teacher for able mention for her melted metal several years, it was not uncommon to has been popular with public, Trifonidis witness parents who verbally abused said, and hundreds of families visited

The piece deals with the "contain-spring break. biology and decay before creating the er, metaphorically connected to the art she entered in the Rockport Center human form and the volatile state of its college students were creating," existence," Voss said. Abuse provokes "hidden hate and bitterness" and can be revealed through a series of events

"Creating art is not a choice," Voss artists in multiple mediums, she said.

An archival pigment print titled innovative.' "A lot of the pieces I create are "Maxey Park," by Zachary Nader, a >>> caylor.ballinger@ttu.edu

wearable," she said, "but I knew that graduate student in fine arts, also was

"It is always a privilege to represent the School of Art," Nader said via e-Success in the art industry is tough, mail. "I was looking at ideas of time and perception when I made that piece."

He said his art has been displayed "The starving artist thing is a hor- in four shows this year, and he is always rible misconception," Schuhmann looking for more opportunities to

Executive director for the Rockport Tech fine arts graduate student Center for the Arts, Beverly Trifonidis,

"We have had double the applicants from last year," she said. "It's any This is the first of my works I have medium and a very eclectic mix and

> The "Rising Eyes of Texas" display the center to see the artwork during

> Young children could see what Trifonidis said, "rather than just an adult's art."

> The variety of pieces in the exhibit displays the imagination of different

"We had three major criteria we As an artist, rejection is part of the used to select the applicants," Trifocreativity, and the art should be very

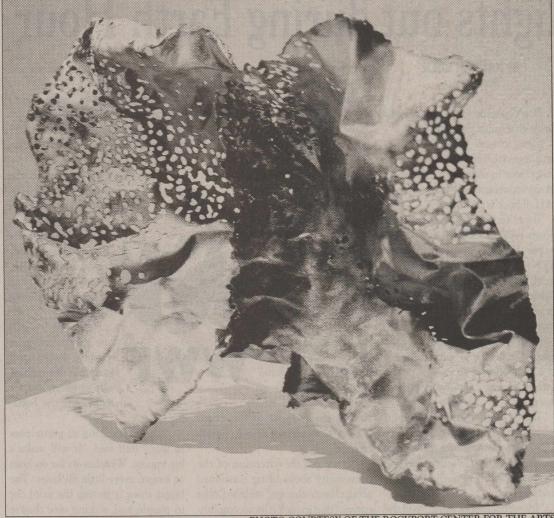


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EMILY SCHUHMANN, A graduate student in fine arts, was awarded for her melted metal piece, "Organism," which is displayed at a Rockport Center for the Arts exhibit. The piece was inspired by her studies in microbiology and decay.

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By SARAH REIMAN STAFF WRITER

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The Texas Tech University Music The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday replicated cellar after a kill. in the Allen Theatre of the Student

Union Building. Gerald Dolter, director of Tech's will be different from a typical opera. rendition, said this is the first time a musical theater performance like this manager for the show, said performing show and the rest is sung. has been shown at Tech and students "Sweeney Todd" requires more work should expect an exciting evening.

"This show requires a lot of technical bells and whistles," Dolter said. "We've really gone all out on this is ready for each act, Von Schwedler director said coaching began in August one."

show, he said. The character who plays audience. Sweeney Todd, the demon barber, will use a chute to dispose of his victims.

That way, Dolter said, the audi-Theatre will present "Sweeney Todd: ence will be able to see the body fall from the replicated second story to the "the cream of the crop" and anyone in

The show will be performed musictheater style, Dolter said, which means it

for crew members than other shows and 28 crew members, he said. All stuthathave been performed.

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Fog, smoke, spinning lights and crew members, who will wear black hearsals started in November. gunfire are all elements during the and white makeup, in front of the

> Dolter said the difficulty of the vocals used in the musical is unlike any other opera.

> Because of this, he said the cast is attendance should be "prepared to be blown away."

The symphony plays the entire time, Dolter said, and spoken dialogue Erika Von Schwedler, assistant stage accounts for about 15 percent of the

dents are a part of the School of Music at Part of her job is to ensure the set Tech except for one theater major. The said. Every set change is moved by the for principle characters and music re-

Kristi Heinrich, a junior vocal performance major from Lubbock, will be playing the role of Mrs. Lovett.

"It's like a scary movie," said Heinrich, who described the play as a musical thriller.

The material behind the play addresses a darker perspective of the world, she said. Parts of the play symbolize the "man-eat-man" society we live in today.

Heinrich said the musical has many elements to attract a diverse audience: The cast consists of 28 Tech students action, suspense, mystery, revenge, desperation, loneliness and love.

"It really grabs your attention," Heinrich said. "You'll never be bored watching it."

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Student activists asking for lights out during Earth Hour

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

darker than usual Saturday night.

Cities in more than 60 countries Earth Hour to show their support for statement, he said he hopes to raise taking action against climate change, awareness among the and Lubbock is no different.

Texas Tech's chapter of the U.S. Green Builders Council encouraged statement to turn off people in Lubbock to participate in the lights and be susthe event by raising awareness among tainable for that hour," local businesses and on campus, he said. asking them to turn their lights out for one hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. ers Council Treasurer

Earth Hour is an initiative of the graduate student Rob World Wildlife Fund and is meant to Diaz said although be a symbolic act to engage politi- Earth Hour will have cians in finding solutions for climate no direct impact on change.

Tech Green Builders Council sumed, the purpose of the event ing. 2009 is an opportunity for the campus change. to compete with other universities and environment.

engineering technology senior from ment." Katy, "that there's really no reason not to do it."

2007. In a year, the event grew from West Texas university pushing to >> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

50 million people participating, in the community. including an estimated 36 million to the Earth Hour Web site.

have agreed to turn their lights out for eryone will get involved in the global individual on this planet."

campus community. "It's just making a

Tech Green Buildand architecture

reducing energy con-

President Brett Barnes said Earth Hour is to raise awareness about climate

show a commitment to the changing community about being concerned or longer, every little bit helps. The about climate change," said the Dallas bigger thing is getting the word out "It's such a simple thing," said the native, "that in itself is an accomplishto people and making sure they're

Although universities across the United States are getting involved in in this year's Earth Hour can sign up Earth Hour began in Sydney in the event, Diaz said Tech is the only at www.earthhourus.org.

one city's involvement to more than recognize Earth Hour on campus and

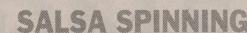
"I want to promote a better way to Don't be surprised if the city looks people in the United States, according live on this beautiful planet," he said. "If this is one thing I can do to make Although Barnes knows not ev- an impact, then I've done by job as an

> One way Diaz has gotten the campus involved is by urging Student Union and Activities Associate Director Zane Reif to keep energy usage inside the Student Union Building to a minimum during

> > Earth Hour. Reif said he will use as little energy as possible during Earth Hour while maintaining a safe environment for students using the build-

"This is exciting to participate in this," Reif said. "It will make a "If we get the attention of the big impact. Whether its for an hour

Students who desire to participate



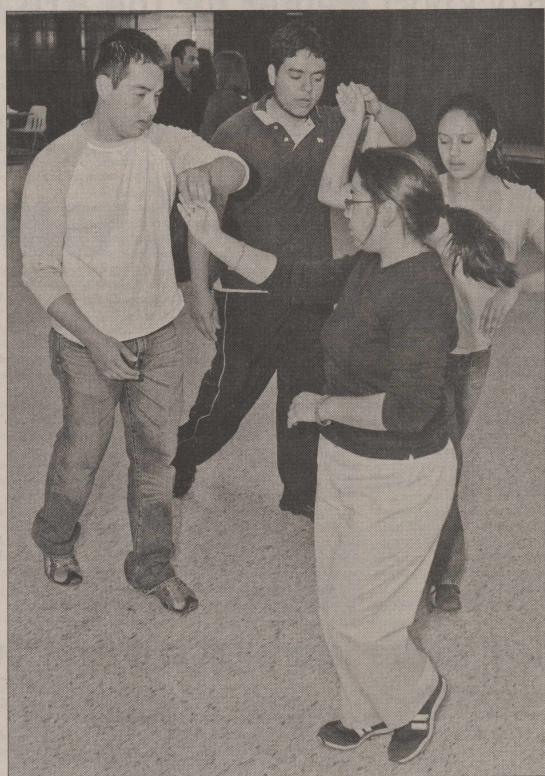


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ORLANDO ESPINO, A senior international business major from Burnet and President of the Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Spanish speaking society, and Adrianna Garza, a junior music and Spanish major from Dallas and fundraiser for the UMI Spanish speaking society, demonstrate a basic salsa turn while Ruben Rios, a senior marketing major from Fort Worth, and Celia Castillo, a junior accounting major from La Ceiba, Honduras, practice the same move at a salsa class Wednesday in the business administration rotunda. The salsa class was an event held to lead into UMI's next fundraising event "Noche de Sabrosura," which will take place Friday at 10 p.m. at the Main Street Bar.

Final in-orbit shuttle inspection complete

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. robotic arm. The boom was equipped Columbia's external tank damaged the inspection of the vehicle Thursday trol. and at first glance found no significant damage which would prevent it from returning to Earth.

Mission managers will decide whether it's safe for Discovery to land Saturday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida once engineers finish afternoon they hadn't detected any areas of concern so far.

Astronauts combed the outside

(AP) — Astronauts aboard space with laser and camera tools that beamed shuttle's wing during launch, allowing shuttle Discovery conducted a final images and data back to Mission Confiery gases to penetrate the orbiter during

> "To the untrained eye, it looked very, very clean," said Paul Dye, lead flight director.

Astronauts were looking for damage from micrometeorites or space debris that may have hit the shuttle as it was docked to the international studying the results of the five-hour, space station for eight days. The results during an inspection on the mission's second day.

> The procedure was put in place after the 2003 Columbia disaster killed

its descent back to Earth.

Discovery undocked from the space station on Wednesday after its sevenperson crew delivered and installed power-generating solar wings at the orbiting outpost. Discovery was orbiting Earth for two days before it was to reenter Earth's atmosphere on Saturday.

Astronaut Sandra Magnus joined routine survey. They said Thursday were being compared with those taken the crew for the return trip after living four months at the space station. She spent two sessions on the shuttle's exercise machine Thursday in order to prepare her body for the effects of

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SATURDAY 1:00PM SUNDAY 12:30PM

No 'Cinderella' in 2009 NCAA Tourney good for at least one year

Looking back on the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, it is quite obvious that this year's March has been lacking what makes it the best time of the year for sports fans.

The top 12 teams in the tournament have advanced to the Sweet 16, and only one team can make the case of being this few years. year's "Cinderella" — Arizona.

However, I for one cannot consider a NBA players, and not when one of their two tournament wins came against lowerseeded Cleveland State.

Gone are the mid-majors, such as the before the NCAA Tournament began. Davidson and George Mason of the past

In fact, while there have been some great, down-to-the-wire games, to me it team such as Arizona a "Cinderella" story, seems as though there were less memorable not when the Wildcats boast several future moments than any opening tournament intriguing nights of basketball action. weekend I can remember, which is par-Championship Week for the ages, just clash to determine a champion.

the most boring opening weekend of the year's POY, Tyler Hansbrough — assum-

for what could be one of the highest quality watching. tournament finishes imaginable.

Just looking at this weekend's Sweet

This year, for the first time, almost all a definitive winner. ticularly shocking after what I felt was a of the best college basketball teams will

tournament in my lifetime. Ironically, that ing of course that both can get past the may prove to be a great thing for college extremely tough challenges of surging ridiculously high level of coaching. Syracuse and pesky Gonzaga, respectively. Getting rid of feel-good stories and Da- Memphis, Missouri, Duke and Villanova in this year's tournament from a list of Hall vid versus Goliath upsets has set the stage also make sure the Sweet 16 is worth of Famers.

You get the picture.

This year's tournament features eight 16 and potential Elite Eight matchups, riveting matchups involving superbly I couldn't help but get excited for four talented teams. Seriously, try to find a game this weekend in which you can pick

Not only are the teams all loaded with talent, the matchups seem to be the best This year's Player of the Year Blake imaginable. And it goes beyond talent Memphis Tigers. Quite simply, I feel as though it was Griffin could go head-to-head with last on the court, and extends to the benches

This year's tournament provides a

It's hard to tell apart the list of coaches

already have won a title in the past (only three had done so in last year's Sweet haven't, Jeff Capel has transformed Oklapower, Mark Few has taken Gonzaga excellence. from obscurity to a national power and Aday is a junior biology and John Calipari has done the same with the

With all of these great matchups be- jeffrey.b.aday@ttu.edu.

tween upper-echelon teams and Hall of Fame coaches might make me sound like I prefer basketball elitism.

I miss having a real underdog to root for, a university I couldn't find on a map, Seven of this year's final 16 coaches but can't resist cheering for. But for a year, it should be a treat to get to watch the crème de la crème try to outwit, out hustle 16.) Even aside from the coaches who and outlast each other for two weeks. The madness of March can return next homa from a football school to a two-sport year, but for now let's enjoy two weeks of

> history major from Las Cruces, N.M. E-mail him at

Men's golf hopes to recover from Callaway Championships, women in Arizona after two weeks off

By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

All winning streaks come to an end eventually.

After finishing the Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championships Tuesday with a 1-2 record at the Farms Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., the Texas Tech men's golf team hopes to in a long time.

The event was the first loss for the Red

played well despite the loss. them out when we had the chance to," Sands said. "There was a couple of matches

tional.

after taking first place them." in the UT-San An-

After being the top-ranked team in Ron Smith Invita- increased level of competition.

Tech coach Greg were No. 4 Stanford, No. 8 Alabama, No. Cameron Knight 6-0. Tech's Will Grif-Sands said the team 9 Tech, No. 11 Indiana, No. 21 Florida fin finished the round even with FSU's State, No. 29 Arizona State, No. 30 Chat-Seath Lauer. "We did a pretty good job of getting tanooga, No. 32 UCLA, No. 33 San Diego bounce back from its first taste of defeat up in some matches, but we didn't close State, No. 35 Texas A&M, No. 39 Duke double elimination tournament from and No. 43 Louisville.

In the first round, Tech faced off Raiders in three consecutive tournaments that came down to the end and we lost against third-seeded FSU, with the Semi-

noles taking the round 3-1-1.

Tech's Nils Floren, Santiago Rivas and tonio Intercollegiate their previous two tournaments, he said Garrett Merrell, the nation's No. 43 golfer, and South Florida's one of the reasons for the loss was the fell 3-0, 1-0 and 2-0, respectively. Junior Chris Ward took the only win for the Top-50 teams competing in the event Red Raiders in the first round, defeating

Tech received its second loss in the second seeded San Diego State in round two, falling 3-2-0.

Tech picks up competition again Collegiate in Tucson, Ariz. Monday at the Morris Williams In-Red Raiders compete in only one more 12 teams. tournament before Big 12 Conference Championships.

"We're trying to rest up and get ready," Sands said. "We played 108 holes of golf in four days. We're trying to really catch up, catch a breath and have enough energy to compete at a high level."

On the other hand, the Lady Raiders Sunday morning. Time is winding down for the Red pick up competition this weekend after a >>> adam.wadsworth@ttu.edu

The women also will see a high level tercollegiate in Austin. After this, the of competition, including six other Big

The conference field consists of Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas State, Missouri,

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Tech-Texas series pivotal to Big 12 standings early in conference play

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Baseball America's No. 9 Texas and a lot of and Texas Tech have one thing in the players

A strong desire to establish them- ther." selves and get above .500 in Big 12 Conference play.

"Everybody is motivated right now," for Tech. said Tech coach Dan Spencer, whose Red Raiders take on Texas in a three- Raiders enter game series starting at 6:30 p.m. today in the weekend Austin. "If you want to play in the post- series after season, you have to win your conference having a twogames. This is another test for us."

Tech (10-15, 3-3 in the Big 12 streak snapped play) hopes to get some leverage at Texas State this weekend on four other teams in — a team a five-way tie for third place in the Texas defeatconference standings and break above ed earlier this .500 for the first time since winning season — in a a three-game series against Nebraska 10-4 loss on 2-1 March 15.

Despite the strong overall record, in the Big 12 standings heading into record away at 6:30 p.m. today in Austin. the weekend.

ence games last season.

Texas has won two of its six Big 12 games against Missouri this sea- feel any added pressure to win on the for Texas any differently than any other son. But the Longhorns were swept road. in a three-game series at Kansas last

the Longhorns just below Tech and we can play well. We're going in with to have to come out and hit well." the four other teams tied for third a good attitude and just taking it one place in the Big 12. So a few wins game at a time." for Texas could put them in the right

Only the top eight teams in the final conference standings make the Big 12 allowing a combined ERA of 1.99. The nine walks. Tournament in Oklahoma City, and a entire Texas pitching staff is allowing an few wins on the road also could work in Tech's favor.

go to Oklahoma City, I've never been haven't ei-

The road woes continue

The Red game win Wednesday.

The loss

from Dan Law Field to 2-12 and Tech nents 92-49. The Big 12 Tournament champions tied a season-high for fielding errors in 2008 started 4-2 through six confer- with four. The defense also gave up six and its pitching staff, Richburg, who unearned runs to the Bobcats.

"(Wednesday) didn't turn out the The four conference losses place man Chris Richburg said, "but we feel

Pitching has been Texas' strongest suit to start the year.

The Longhorn starting pitchers are opposing batting average of .197.

"We're excited with where we are above .300, but with the pitching, the they're all tests." right now," Spencer said. "We want to Longhorns still have outscored oppo-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreau TEXAS TECH SHORTSTOP Joey Kenworthy and the the Longhorns (15-6, 2-4) are eighth pushed Tech's Red Raiders take on Texas in a three-game series starting

Despite Texas' strong overall record leads Tech in home runs with eight, However, the Red Raiders do not said the Red Raiders did not prepare opponent in Thursday's practice.

"No one really cares if it's Texas or way we wanted it to," Tech first base- anyone else," he said. "They're going to come out and pitch well so we're going

Miles Morgan (1-1) is scheduled to get the start on the mound for Tech. Morgan has a 6.23 ERA through 26 innings pitched allowing a .294 opponent batting average with 28 strikeouts and

"This is a great opportunity for our kids to play Texas on the road," Spencer Only one Texas batter is hitting said. "It's a great test for our ball club —

Women's tennis on road without Petty

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

This is an important time of the seateam but an even more important time in Tech coach Todd Petty's life.

On Wednesday Petty became a father to a newborn son.

Petty will not travel with the team to be at home with his family and taking his place traveling with the team will be Tech men's assistant coach Marcelo Ferreira.

ence for me," said the Sao Paulo, Brazil Colo. native and former Georgia College & help these girls out, and hopefully come State. back home with two wins."

and women's teams are always helping in their last six matches. each other and the experience will be valuable to Ferreira.

said. "And that's the main thing here, their matches on the schedule. that both programs help each other out in recruiting and with the team."

With Ferreira at the helm Tech will try son for the Texas Tech women's tennis to make a final push towards the NCAA Tournament.

> The Lady Raiders (6-9, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) already have faced three of the top five teams in the Big 12 in No. 27 Texas, No. 4 Baylor and No. 43

Now, Tech will face the remaining two in No. 58 Missouri (7-5, 3-1) at 5 p.m. right time. Friday in Columbia, Mo., and Colorado "This is going to be a new experi- (8-5, 3-0) at 11 a.m. Sunday in Boulder, against Big 12 opponents, setting up a show-

> The Lady Raiders sit in a four-way After Tech finishes its first five matches

Tech men's tennis coach Tim against the top five teams in the Big 12, the Siegel, who works with Ferreira on a schedule appears to favor the Lady Raiders daily basis, said that both the men's as they play four of the bottom five squads

Despite the 1-3 record, the Lady Raiders — with some big wins in non-confer-"I think it's great that Marcelo has ence play including against then-No. 21 the opportunity to help out Todd," he TCU — believe they can win the rest of >zane.turner@ttu.edu

"From now on like Todd said all the matches are ours," said Kelsy Garland who is 10-5, 2-2 in Big 12 play. "There is no reason why we shouldn't win them all. I think everyone has the right mindset going into this last stretch."

Missouri has won its last two Big 12 matches against Kansas and Kansas State and has a quality win over then-No. 24 SMU, 4-3.

Colorado, however, is on a roll at the

The Buffaloes have won their first three down against No. 4 Baylor Saturday.

At this point in the season, Samantha State University assistant coach. "I just tie for seventh place in the Big 12 with van der Drift said every team is fighting want to make sure I can do my best, Iowa State, Kansas and No. 70 Oklahoma to be in the right position come tournament time.

"This is the time where we need to put all our hard work together," said van der Drift, who with a win this weekend will become Tech's all-time singles wins leader with 75 victories. "We're used to playing such strong teams, and I think that is going to benefit us with the rest of

Rare home match awaits Tech men's tennis

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

Lamar could be seen as a tune-up play starts next week.

However, Tech senior Christian

"This is the perfect match for us," he said. "We need to go out there and really think of it as playing a Top 20 team and really work hard on the things we need to practice on. That's as the season rolls on. probably the best way to get ready for the Big 12."

The Red Raiders have one final at the No. 5 position has won five of his the country right now."

their Big 12 schedule against No. 12 Texas at No. 2 is 9-1 in his last 10 matches and and No. 14 Texas A&M. Tech has A&M Milos Kustudija at the No. 6 spot is 8-2 in

Tech (10-6) begins play against Lamar before the rigors of Big 12 Conference (7-6) at 1 p.m. Saturday at the McLeod at the McLeod Tennis Complex. Tennis Complex.

Rojmar said the team will not take have only one match," Tech coach Tim this week," Breler said. "We are all a little the Cardinals lightly. In fact, he said Siegel said. "This break has been good for sore, a little tired from the road trip, but this match could not have come at a us, but before we know it we're going to be we had a few days off to rest and prepare heading to play A&M and Texas, and my ourselves for this weekend." mind is already set for the Big 12."

> know the importance of Big 12 play and off a 4-3 win against Abilene Christian. seem to have picked up their level of play

Rojmar at No. 4 has won three of his last four matches and Michael Breler A&M who is one of the hottest teams in

his last 10 matches for the Red Raiders. Dating back to last season, Tech is 9-0

· "Lamar is going to be a good way for "I think the timing is perfect for us to us to work on the stuff we have practiced

However, the Red Raiders will try not

The four seniors in the lineup for Tech to overlook the Cardinals, who are coming

"Every match we treat the same," Siegel said. "Whether it's Lamar or Texas, but the guys need a match to prepare for

