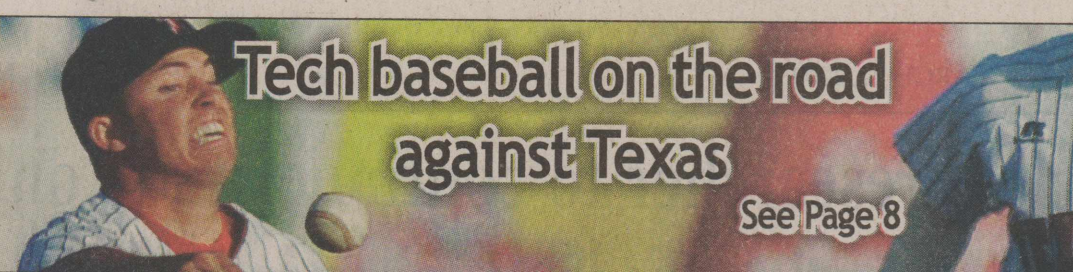


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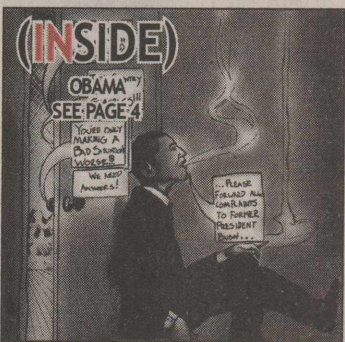
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STATE Texas ag head visits troops, works on trade

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 Greek-owned 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 lanes.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Officials review higher ed legislation

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ AND JON VANDERLAAN

Texas Tech administrators and local Texas congressmen have been busy the last several months lobbying for higher education resulting in several bills, some of which may help Tech in the push to become a flagship university.

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

"The key to higher education funding is to continue to strive for tier-one institution status," he said, "being able to acquire things like emerging

technologies funds grants."

Perry said he believes Tech already has made a successful move toward tier-one status in the last few years.

"(Tech) Chancellor (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 in El Paso," he said.

Several bills also are being reviewed in the Texas Congress to help emerging research universities attain a national

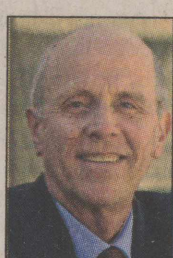


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research university status.

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 funds from a source to become tier-one universities, are intended to help emerging research universities reach their goal.

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

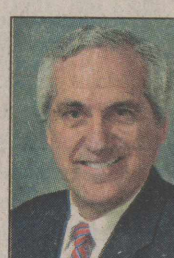


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multiple criteria, including endowment and research funding criteria, for universities to meet in order to be able to draw from the fund.

Hance said the fund will help the university as a long-term source of research money and the university already has or is "extremely close" to meeting the criteria.

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



SHAPLEIGH

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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Psychoactive sage

Lawmakers push to make hallucinogenic herb illegal in Texas

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

The hallucinogen commonly called Sally-D or Magic Mint may soon bear a new name: illegal.

Three bills in the Texas Legislature would either ban the sale of salvia divinorum to minors or put the now-legal drug into the same category as marijuana.

If legislation goes the way state Rep. Charles Anderson hopes, salvia would be put into Penalty Group 3 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

"Salvia is the most potent hallucinogen," Anderson said, "and it's worrisome because it's so widely available. That puts a lot of young people at risk."

Anderson said it is imperative for people to realize the drug is dangerous and keeping the drug legal does not convey that fact.

Salvia is just as powerful as the man-made hallucinogen LSD, Anderson said, and can have an effect within 30 seconds of use.

Putting the drug into Penalty Group 3 would make possession of an excess of 28 grams a third degree felony, Anderson said, and possession of less than 28 grams would be punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

While Anderson is attempting to ban the herb in order to stop its use, senior anthropology major Brandon Smith fears the drug will become even more dangerous if it becomes illegal to possess.

Smith has smoked salvia before, and he said it was so uncomfortable he plans to never smoke it again.

According to the Drug Enforcement

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SALVIA STATISTICS

- About 1.8 million people age 12 or older used salvia divinorum in their lifetime.
- About 750,000 people used salvia divinorum in the past year.
- Young adults were three times more likely than youths aged 12 to 17 to have used salvia divinorum in the past year.
- Use is more common among males than females.
- Use was more common among individuals ages 18 years old to 25 years old than those 26 years old or older.

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



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

Obama budget proposal to eliminate student federal aid subsidies to banks

By JON VANDERLAAN
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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.

According to the administration's budget proposal, government subsidies to private lenders no longer will be given, eliminating the middle-man from the lending process. The money saved from the subsidies will be used to further fund Pell Grants.

However, the provision will put the burden of overseeing federal student aid on the federal government.

Becky Wilson, director of Student Financial Aid at Tech, said the federal government may not be able to handle the entire federal aid program because of the increased volume of students seeking

federal financial aid the government will encounter.

The federal government does not have the structure nor the man power to handle the program, she said, and probably will end up out-sourcing the task back to the private lenders.

According to a statement from Wells Fargo/Wachovia, one of the private lenders on Tech's lender list, the company hopes to participate in a constructive dialogue on how to improve the public-private federal student loan program.

Wilson also said the private lenders offer extra benefits to students that the federal government may not be able to provide.

However, Christine Lindstrom, 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 government will be able to provide many of the same benefits because they will not be paying the subsidies.

Wilson said the plan also would limit student choices in where they choose to process their loans.

Because the federal government will process all federal aid, she said, the element of competition is not present.

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

Students with middle to upper-middle income families also may suffer because of a decrease in choices for federal aid, she said, and the fact the Pell Grant is not available to those who are not from low-income families.

"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

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.

In Lubbock, a burn ban means no open, outdoor burning in unincorporated 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 is a good sign, said Ron McQueen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

"This is a typically dry time of year for us, we don't see a lot of rain 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 light rain events there is some hope that maybe we're getting 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 potential for fires that could burn property and hurt people, said Garrett 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 cows to eat," he said. "It's more than just the fact that grass burns, it is also harmful to our environment."

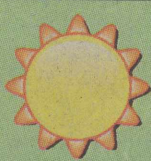
Heinrich said the dry conditions are worse than last year, causing the ban to be put into effect Jan. 26, almost a month earlier than last year.

"All of the rains we had in the fall made the vegetation grow taller than normal," he said, "and so all that brush is taller and therefore there is a

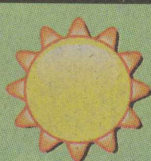
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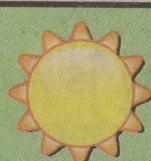
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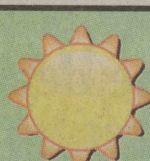
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HSC researcher to continue study on doctor-patient bedside manner in 2010

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A Texas Tech Health Sciences Center researcher plans to expand on a study about bedside relationships between patients and doctors in West Texas sometime in 2010.

HSC Nurse Practitioner Studies Department Chairwoman Emily Merrill said the initial study she conducted was partially funded by the Tech School of Nursing as a quality assurance measure and partly through a grant, which also may be the case for her upcoming 2010 study.

The initial research study conducted by Merrill addressed stigmas overweight women faced in West Texas health care settings, she said, finding that many overweight female patients felt dismissed in certain health care practices.

Merrill said she hopes to expand the study next year to include research regarding the experiences of different 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 factors."

The same patients did not encounter feelings of disrespect from health care practitioners in regular exam settings, such as gynecological appointments, she said, and sometimes felt certain nurses respected them more.

"There are usually things in place

to ensure quality care at health care facilities," Merrill said. "I know the Family Practice area of the Health Sciences Center sends out patient satisfaction surveys on a regular basis, but I don't think there is any sort of board in place anywhere that ensures proper bedside manner."

Merrill said Tech nursing students are taught communication skills throughout their education, but nothing specific can be found in the nursing curriculum related to the issue.

"Some of the patients that I talked to had to go through things like trying to find a comfortable place to sit as soon as they got to their health care provider," she said. "I think health care places should really examine their attitudes toward overweight patients and should look at the tools they use in their practice to see if they have weight friendly alternatives."

Lisa Viator, a staff psychologist at the 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 certain time.

"Back in the early 20th century and up until the 1960s, girls with curves were much more desirable because they were typically wealthy and considered more fertile," she said. "Then in the 1960s the straight up and down look became a lot more popular for reasons that we don't quite know entirely."



MERRILL

Viator said she has also encountered 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.

"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 women."

Amanda Eldredge, a health educator at Tech Student Health Services, 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 friends.

"Healthy curvy is a good thing," Eldredge said. "We have dietitians 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 can also help with psychological areas if a person wants to become healthier."

The first step people can take to maintain or achieve a healthy weight is by talking to a professional if they feel they have a problem, she said.

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SGA Senate discusses election code, accountability of senators

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The Texas Tech Student Government Association Student Senate passed legislation dealing with the homecoming election code and voted to table a bill that holds senators accountable for their duties Thursday evening in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

The senate voted to table Senate Bill 44.17, which states senators should adhere to their duty of representing student organizations and should be held accountable by the internal vice president and the Student Senate.

Brad Bellah, intergovernmental chairman and senator-at-large, who 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 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 because he believes now that the bill is tabled, SGA president Lee Bobbitt will veto the bill.

The tabling of the bill will need to result in a two thirds vote from

the senate to bring the bill back on the floor according to James Baumgartner, president of Senate and internal vice president of SGA.

The senate also voted against Senate Bill 44.18, by one vote which stated the election commission should consider previous hearings in their decision process for appeals and precedent should impact appeals as well.

Crowl said, as one of the authors of the bill, he should have gotten more senators involved.

"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 future."

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

Because the SGA changes the election code each year, he said, previous cases should be deemed irrelevant when compared to current issues.

The SGA passed Senate Bill 44.16 that adopted rules from the regular



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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 future homecoming elections.

The next SGA meeting will take place April 9 in the Senate Room of the SUB to address and pass 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 organizations can appeal any amount allocated to them from SGA.

The SGA also announced they will hold SGA Day April 1 outside of the SUB to register people to vote and give them information regarding the upcoming election about alcohol sales in Lubbock.

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New estimate raises ND flood higher than sandbags

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Bad news turned dire Thursday for residents scrambling in subfreezing temperatures to pile sandbags along the Red River: After they spent the day preparing for a record crest of 41 feet, forecasters added up to 2 feet to their estimate.

The first estimate sparked urgency among thousands of volunteers in Fargo, but the second sparked doubts about whether a 43-foot-high wall of

water could be stopped. Across the river in Moorhead, Minn., City Manager Michael Redlinger said portions of his city's dike could not be easily raised to withstand a 42-foot crest.

"Now everything's up in the air," he said.

The old estimate was 41 feet by Saturday afternoon, and thousands of volunteers had labored throughout the day to raise the dikes around North Dakota's largest city to 43 feet.

City and emergency officials had said they were confident the city would make it, but will now have to build higher.

The National Weather Service said in guidance issued late Thursday afternoon that the Red was expected to crest between 41 and 42 feet, but could reach 43 feet. It said water levels could remain high for up to a week — a lengthy test of on-the-fly flood control.

Burn Ban

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lot more fuel basically to burn."

McQueen said the weather conditions in Lubbock County tend to be warmer and windier than what is considered normal, with very low humidity. The weather combined with dried-out fuels can produce dangerous fire behavior.

The fire department tries to pre-

vent fires by increasing the public's awareness of the risk so that careless decisions are not made. The department also has extra staff on high-risk days, Nelson said.

"Anytime we have a high-wind day, where we have the potential for fires to get out of hand quicker, we send extra people to any fire we go to so we can control it as quickly as possible before it gets out of hand," he said.

McQueen said it looks as if the dry conditions are going to continue and

possibly become less severe, but that does not mean the conditions will be 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 rest of the year."

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

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

According to the fiscal note, the Higher Education Coordinating Board gathered that national research institutions in 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 the seven Texas universities was \$5,160 in 2006-2007.

"What is daunting is the lack of political will by Texas business leaders and elected officials to meet the challenge

of higher ed funding," Shapleigh said, "when on average, Texas funds each student at a level \$6,000 below peer institutions."

According to the bill, the money appropriated for the fund will be allocated as the board sees fit based on several criteria, including the submission of a detailed, long-term strategic plan documenting how the institution intends to achieve recognition as a research university.

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

"This has been a relatively slow session," he said. "We are going to produce 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 Tech will not immediately be affected by the bill.

Senate Bill 175 will allow universities to disregard the top 10 percent rule — a rule that offers automatic acceptance into any Texas public university to any student who placed in the top 10 percent in GPA of their high school class — when the 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.

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Students build home at Greek Circle for Lubbock man

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Six years ago, Enrique Oroscio approached the Habitat for Humanity of Lubbock with a dream to own his own home. Thursday, building on that home began in the last place he expected: Greek Circle.

The Texas Tech Greek community will work around the clock until Saturday evening to complete the home for Oroscio, who will move in this fall with his son, Hayden.

"It's exciting," Oroscio said. "It makes 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, Oroscio 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 the home of Oroscio's grandfather without a kitchen or hot water, and Oroscio said he is overwhelmed with appreciation for the students giving their money and time to help him on his road to home ownership.

Sandy Anderson, Lubbock Habitat for Humanity's executive director, said she felt Oroscio and his son were perfect candidates for the home, which is the first to be built entirely by a single campus entity.

"They want to do something as a group that's bigger than themselves," Anderson said about the Greek community, "and Enrique and Hayden needed a home."

Anderson said Tech is a vital part of the Lubbock Habitat for Humanity and has seen several organizations throughout campus give time and energy to building 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

through and get a diploma."

After the home is built in Greek Circle, it will be moved to the neighborhood where Oroscio and his son will reside. Anderson said the total cost to build and move the house amounts to \$50,000, which has been raised by the Greek community.

"They're not only putting their time into building," she said, "they've worked like dogs to raise the money to build this."

Political science senior Kyle Crowl was the public relations and community service chair for the interfraternity council two years ago when the idea to combine the efforts of the Greek community for a Habitat build first came about.

The Conroe native said money was the biggest issue the group faced when 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 come in so easily," he said. "It's proof of the

generosity of the Greek community."

Crowl takes pride in the willingness of students within Greek organizations to participate in service to the community and he said the group's members have excited to be part of building a home for Oroscio.

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 to get involved as a whole in helping others.

"We're not just attending something or supporting a philanthropy," said the junior marketing and management major from McKinney. "We're using our hands to 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 home in groups of 30 to 45 people.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADE/The Daily Toreador

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.

Gibson said it has been a privilege to see students get excited to get involved in building a home for a family in need.

"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."

Oroscio said he found it rewarding to

be part of the project, and he is looking forward to watching his son play on the 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."

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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 the herb on a regular basis.

"It isn't anything to mess around with," he said. "I don't agree with it being illegal, however."

Smith said making the herb illegal would take it out of the hands of people who know how to use it properly and send it to the streets where it may become more dangerous for users.

"If you make it illegal," he said, "it's not going to disappear. It's going to put it into the hands of the black market."

People who do not know what to expect from the hallucinogen probably will not enjoy the effects, Smith said, and bringing attention to the drug will only make it seem more desirable.

"Bringing it up," he said, "and trying to make a big fuss about it will bring lots of attention to it and make it more of a mystery."

Smith said the herb is not known to be a recreational, every day drug and is mainly something that people only try once. In fact, he has never

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 and boundaries."

Harvey Madison, vice president of the Lubbock chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said it is puzzling to him that a mild and seemingly harmless substance would carry such a lengthy prison term.

While Madison admitted to not having much knowledge of the drug, he said from what he did know, the drug was not addictive or widespread in use.

"This sounds like another move by the religious right wing as a part of their anti-pleasure crusade," he said. "Our prisons have already been overfilled with non-violent minor drug offenses, and this would aggravate the situation with great cost to lives."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice Web site, 13 states have already enacted legislation to place regulatory controls on the mind-altering mint. Madison said with any luck the bill will not be passed in Texas.

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Warm weather ahead provides chance for running outdoors

John Miller



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 up and followed by a cool down.

If you're planning on going on a light jog, static stretching and walking 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.

Interval training is a form of running that utilizes both fast- and slow-twitching muscles by transitioning between sprinting and jogging for a given period of time.

Thirty seconds of sprinting, followed by one minute of jogging, then repeated for six to eight times

is a great workout for beginners. For more advanced runners, switching 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 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

80 percent so he knows what not to exceed, which would be 158 bpm. 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 control measures to ensure you remain within your ability level and target heart rate, you will undoubtedly see results by sticking to a well-established plan.

■ 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. E-mail him at john.j.miller@ttu.edu

City uses Facebook to fight floodwaters

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — When 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 feet."

When city officials needed 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 new ones.

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 split up.

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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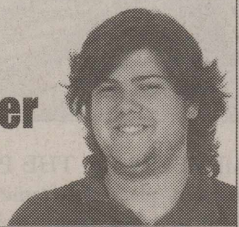
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Is Obama a trustworthy automobile salesman?

As we've seen so far, President Barack Obama is good at campaigning while reading a teleprompter, but is fantastic at putting his foot in his mouth without one.

Cole Shooter



He's appointed a treasury secretary who can't do his taxes properly, made light of the Special Olympics on national television, and decided the best way to pull the country out of bone-crushing financial problems is to spend nearly \$1 trillion more, a tactic which I wish would work in my own personal life.

He also seems to believe he knows what Americans need when it comes to their automobiles. In 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 the automobile cannot walk away from it."

Despite

the fact Karl Benz of Germany invented the automobile, it sounded particularly good for a sound byte.

Obama, being a Democrat who wants to help the industry, suggested help in the only way Democrats know how: oppressive governmental regulations.

On the Obama/Biden Web site, they say they plan to "increase fuel economy standards 4 percent per year while providing \$4 billion for domestic automakers to retool their manufacturing facilities in America to produce these vehicles," further expanding on the increased Corporate

Average Fuel Economy stan-

dards implemented during the Bush administration. The ecocentrist global warming answer aside, they say they want to implement these high fuel restrictions to reduce the importation of foreign oil.

In the aforementioned February speech, Obama claimed "we have known for decades that our survival depends on finding new sources of energy. Yet we import more oil today than ever before." According to the Associated Press, that's not quite the case.

The AP, in a fact check of the February speech, illustrated foreign oil imports peaked in 2005 at over 5 billion barrels, and have declined steadily to 4.9 billion in 2007, and is projected to import 4.7 billion barrels in 2009. Government projections show oil importation will either stay steady or decline over the next two decades.

With the possible demise of General Motors and Chrysler still looming, the idea of imposing further regulations on the companies is a horrendous idea.

Most seem to believe hybrids are the answer, but unless gas prices are skyrocketing, they don't sell either.

Auto manufacturers such as Ford and Honda have introduced new hy-

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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Mail theft presents common dilemma

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.

Alex Ybarra



Perhaps someone you've never heard of or met, which of course makes it perfectly fine to proceed with your humanistic need for satisfying curiosity, (especially if that person is not around). If they are absent, heck, that's an open invitation right there, we've all been through it.

"Well, they won't mind if I open and just see what it is," you think to yourself as you calmly observe your surroundings. "As long as I don't read it, eat it or use it, right?"

Wrong.

Next thing you know it's exactly 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 who is walking up and down the aisles restocking depleted items.

But hey, they're not around, and 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 glued to your hands, you frantically, or sneakily (as if the package is for you, if someone is around), search for an apparatus to rip through the cardboard or paper.

The anticipation is unbelievable and worth every cardinal rule that is currently being stepped on and hurt to a crisp.

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 done comes over you, unless you do this on the "reg," then you won't feel any remorse.

It's time to pick up the phone and call the person you have trespassed. It's time to confess.

The reaction could be extreme disappointment or apathy, especially if you would have just called the person beforehand and asked politely, "Do you think I could rip open your package? I think I could get pretty good use out of it before you realize it was delivered."

That's another thing, telling people 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 young men out there still living with their parents who are checking the mailbox religiously for the infamous magazine wrapped in black plastic (that's right, dad's dirty magazines).

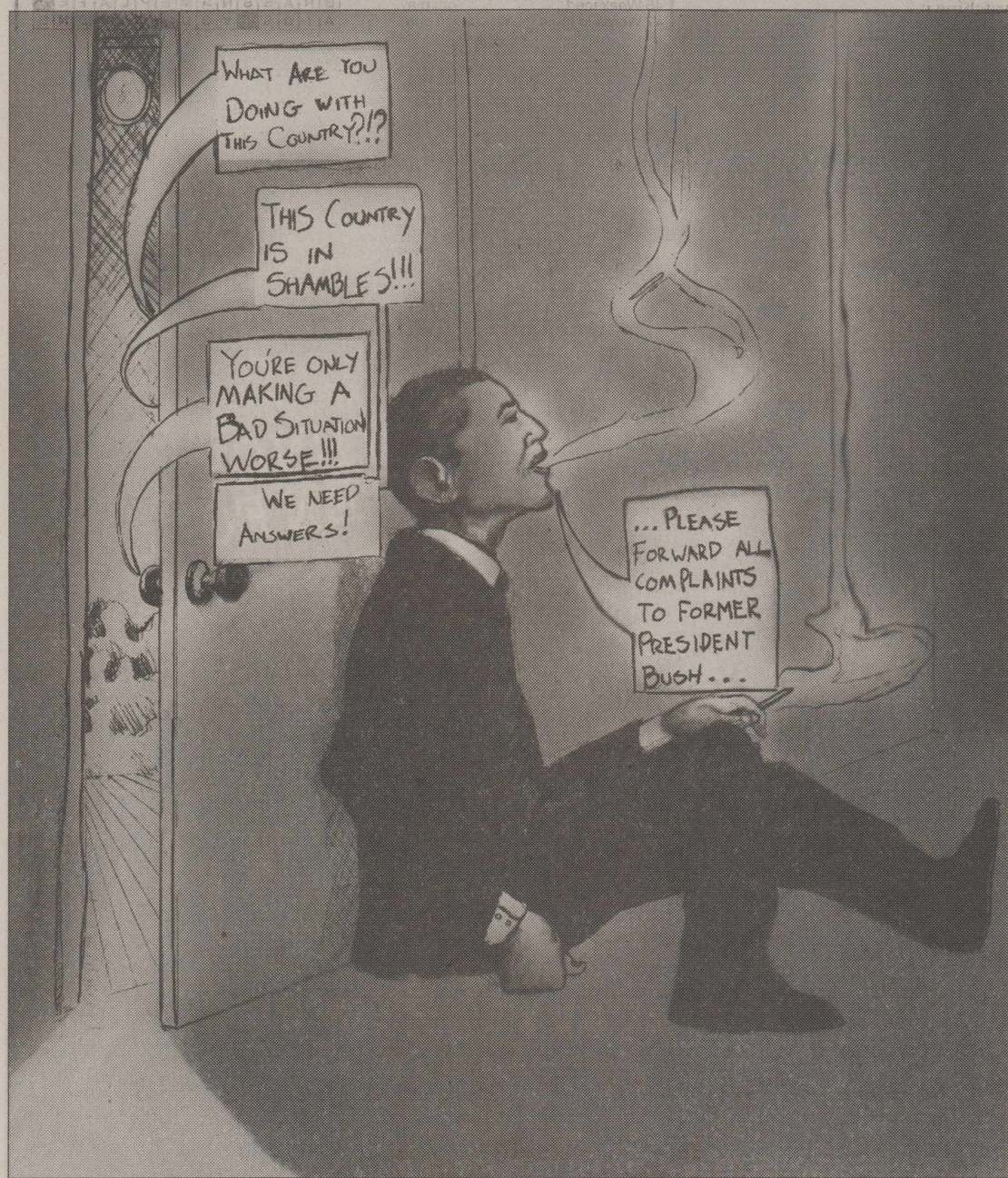
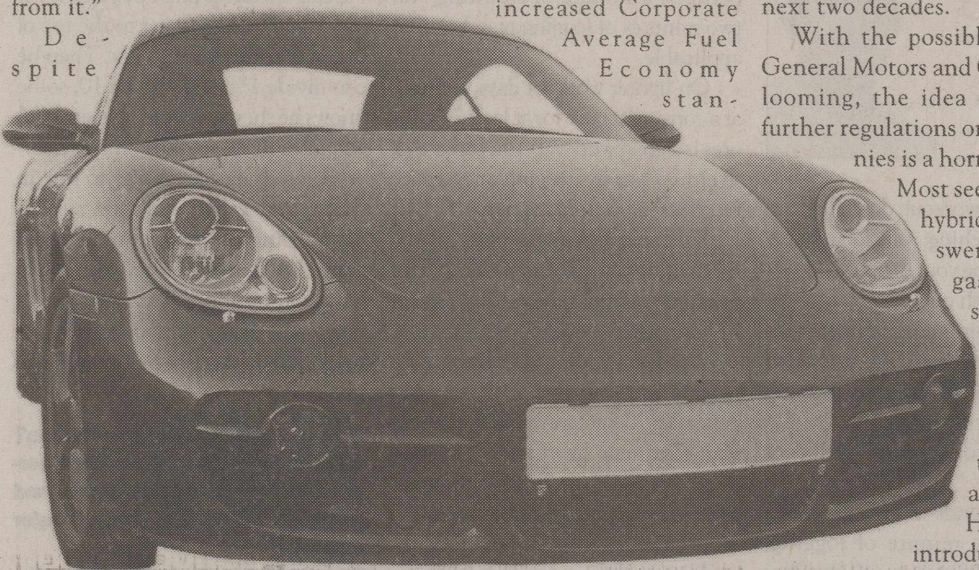
Or maybe that was just me — is me, whatever. I have needs too.

Seriously though, this is a legitimate situation that some people run into at some point in their lives. Not the dirty magazines specifically, but postal thievery among those close to you.

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 sixth grade.

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College students unlikely to recover from recession

**By DREW BELLE ZERBY
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We're not Generation Y. We're not the Information Generation either. We're not even Generation OMG, as The New York Times writer Kate Zemiké so cleverly coined.

We're Generation OMFG — because classmates, we're effed.

We're thousands of dollars in debt from student loans — and bar tabs.

Six months after we toss our hats we'll be using them to collect spare change on street corners so we can 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 Labor Statistics.

And at the rate it's going, May 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 current Fed chair decides to do the first interview in the history of Fed chairs, you know it's bad.

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 years.

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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, angled photography and innovative metal molding for three Texas Tech graduate students recently featured in a Texas art exhibit.

The Rockport Center for the Arts will showcase the creativity of emerging Texas college students in its third annual "Rising Eyes of Texas" art exhibit from March 4 to Saturday. Artwork was selected from 14 Texas colleges and universities, including the work of three Tech graduate students.

Emily Schuhmann, a fine arts graduate student, was awarded honorable mention for her melted metal piece "Organism" in the exhibit.

Schuhmann said she completed several compositional studies in microbiology and decay before creating the art she entered in the Rockport Center for the Arts Exhibit competition.

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

In the art community many people view metal working as a craft rather than art, Schuhmann said, but she disagreed because metal art can be as original and beautiful as other art mediums.

"A lot of the pieces I create are

wearable," she said, "but I knew that some people have a prejudice to wearable pieces as art, so I picked pieces that were not wearable."

Success in the art industry is tough, she said, but not impossible with perseverance.

"The starving artist thing is a horrible misconception," Schuhmann said. "I have never been able to not find a job doing something I love to do."

Tech fine arts graduate student Christopher Voss was selected to be in the "Rising Eyes of Texas" show for a mixed media piece called "Contained Unraveling."

"This is the first of my works I have done which are affected by containment," Voss said. "As a teacher for several years, it was not uncommon to witness parents who verbally abused their children."

The piece deals with the "container, metaphorically connected to the human form and the volatile state of its existence," Voss said. Abuse provokes "hidden hate and bitterness" and can be revealed through a series of events that force change.

"Creating art is not a choice," Voss said. "It's something I have to do."

As an artist, rejection is part of the game, he said. Artists apply to many exhibits and may be chosen for one or two, but it is worth the trouble.

An archival pigment print titled "Maxey Park," by Zachary Nader, a

graduate student in fine arts, also was featured in the exhibit.

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

He said his art has been displayed in four shows this year, and he is always looking for more opportunities to showcase his work.

Executive director for the Rockport Center for the Arts, Beverly Trifonidis, said the goal of the exhibit is to support emerging artists throughout the state.

"We have had double the applicants from last year," she said. "It's any medium and a very eclectic mix and range of art."

The "Rising Eyes of Texas" display has been popular with public, Trifonidis said, and hundreds of families visited the center to see the artwork during spring break.

"Young children could see what college students were creating," Trifonidis said, "rather than just an adult's art."

The variety of pieces in the exhibit displays the imagination of different artists in multiple mediums, she said.

"We had three major criteria we used to select the applicants," Trifonidis said. "Art should display technical difficulty, showcase imagination and creativity, and the art should be very innovative."

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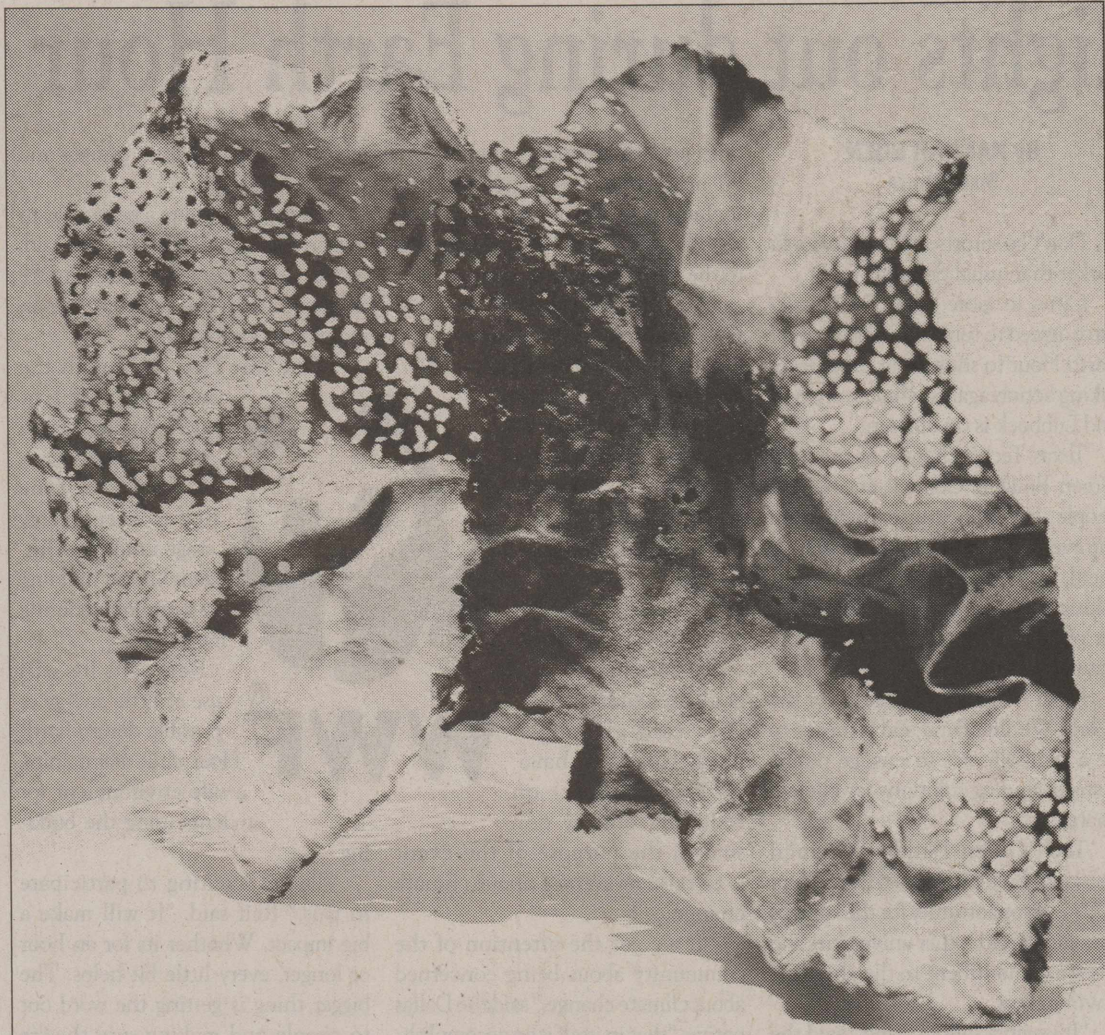


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS
EMILY SCHUHMAN, A graduate student in fine arts, was awarded for her melted metal piece, "Organism," which is displayed at a Rockport Center for the Arts exhibit. The piece was inspired by her studies in microbiology and decay.

Tech theatre department to present 'Sweeney Todd'

By **SARAH REIMAN**
STAFF WRITER

It started on Broadway in 1979, and a now it's coming to Lubbock.

The Texas Tech University Music Theatre will present "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Allen Theatre of the Student Union Building.

Gerald Dolter, director of Tech's rendition, said this is the first time a musical theater performance like this has been shown at Tech and students 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 one."

Fog, smoke, spinning lights and gunfire are all elements during the show, he said. The character who plays Sweeney Todd, the demon barber, will use a chute to dispose of his victims.

That way, Dolter said, the audience will be able to see the body fall from the replicated second story to the replicated cellar after a kill.

The show will be performed music-theater style, Dolter said, which means it will be different from a typical opera.

Erika Von Schwedler, assistant stage manager for the show, said performing "Sweeney Todd" requires more work for crew members than other shows that have been performed.

Part of her job is to ensure the set is ready for each act, Von Schwedler said. Every set change is moved by the

crew members, who will wear black and white makeup, in front of the audience.

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

Because of this, he said the cast is "the cream of the crop" and anyone in attendance should be "prepared to be blown away."

The symphony plays the entire time, Dolter said, and spoken dialogue accounts for about 15 percent of the show and the rest is sung.

The cast consists of 28 Tech students and 28 crew members, he said. All students are a part of the School of Music at Tech except for one theater major. The director said coaching began in August for principle characters and music re-

hearsals started in November.

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: action, suspense, mystery, revenge, desperation, loneliness and love.

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

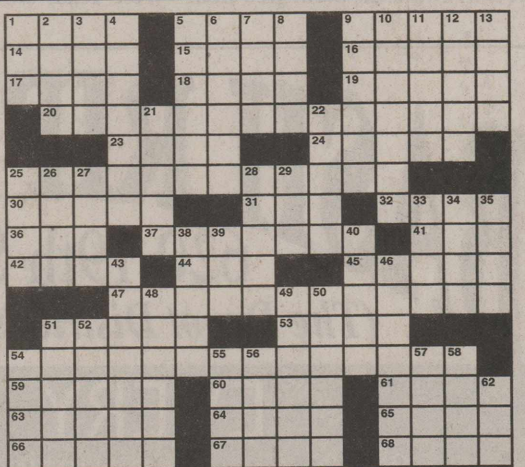
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By Spencer Corden

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Student activists asking for lights out during Earth Hour

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Don't be surprised if the city looks darker than usual Saturday night.

Cities in more than 60 countries have agreed to turn their lights out for Earth Hour to show their support for taking action against climate change, and Lubbock is no different.

Texas Tech's chapter of the U.S. Green Builders Council encouraged people in Lubbock to participate in the event by raising awareness among local businesses and on campus, asking them to turn their lights out for one hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Earth Hour is an initiative of the World Wildlife Fund and is meant to be a symbolic act to engage politicians in finding solutions for climate change.

Tech Green Builders Council President Brett Barnes said Earth Hour 2009 is an opportunity for the campus to compete with other universities and show a commitment to the changing environment.

"It's such a simple thing," said the engineering technology senior from Katy, "that there's really no reason not to do it."

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007. In a year, the event grew from

one city's involvement to more than 50 million people participating, including an estimated 36 million people in the United States, according to the Earth Hour Web site.

Although Barnes knows not everyone will get involved in the global statement, he said he hopes to raise awareness among the campus community.

"It's just making a statement to turn off the lights and be sustainable for that hour," he said.

Tech Green Builders Council Treasurer and architecture

graduate student Rob Diaz said although Earth Hour will have no direct impact on reducing energy con-

sumed, the purpose of the event is to raise awareness about climate change.

"If we get the attention of the community about being concerned about climate change," said the Dallas native, "that in itself is an accomplishment."

Although universities across the United States are getting involved in the event, Diaz said Tech is the only West Texas university pushing to

recognize Earth Hour on campus and in the community.

"I want to promote a better way to live on this beautiful planet," he said. "If this is one thing I can do to make an impact, then I've done my job as an individual on this planet."

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-

ing. "This is exciting to participate in this," Reif said. "It will make a big impact. Whether its for an hour or longer, every little bit helps. The bigger thing is getting the word out to people and making sure they're aware."

Students who desire to participate in this year's Earth Hour can sign up at www.earthhour.org.

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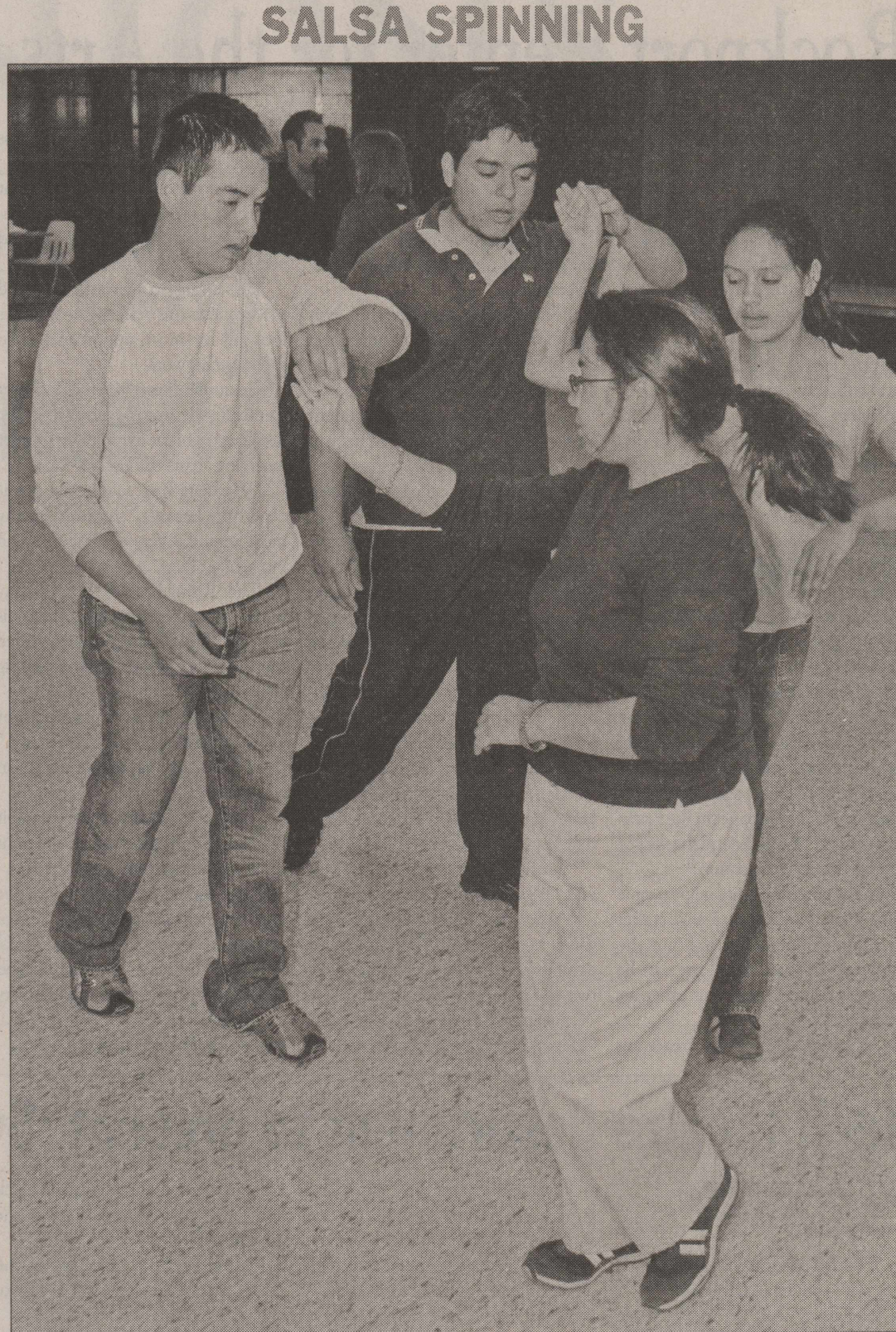


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ORLANDO ESPINO, A senior international business major from Burnet and President of the Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Spanish speaking society, and Adrianna Garza, a junior music and Spanish major from Dallas and fundraiser for the UMI Spanish speaking 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. (AP) — Astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery conducted a final inspection of the vehicle Thursday 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 studying the results of the five-hour, routine survey. They said Thursday afternoon they hadn't detected any areas of concern so far.

Astronauts combed the outside of the shuttle with a 50-foot inspection boom mounted on Discovery's

robotic arm. The boom was equipped with laser and camera tools that beamed images and data back to Mission Control.

"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 space station for eight days. The results were being compared with those taken during an inspection on the mission's second day.

The procedure was put in place after the 2003 Columbia disaster killed seven astronauts. A piece of foam from

Columbia's external tank damaged the shuttle's wing during launch, allowing fiery gases to penetrate the orbiter during its descent back to Earth.

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

Astronaut Sandra Magnus joined 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 gravity.

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

By MIKE GRAHAM
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Baseball America's No. 9 Texas and Texas Tech have one thing in common.

A strong desire to establish themselves and get above .500 in Big 12 Conference play.

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

Tech (10-15, 3-3 in the Big 12 play) hopes to get some leverage this weekend on four other teams in a five-way tie for third place in the conference standings and break above .500 for the first time since winning a three-game series against Nebraska 2-1 March 15.

Despite the strong overall record, the Longhorns (15-6, 2-4) are eighth in the Big 12 standings heading into the weekend.

The Big 12 Tournament champions in 2008 started 4-2 through six conference games last season.

Texas has won two of its six Big 12 games against Missouri this season. But the Longhorns were swept in a three-game series at Kansas last weekend.

The four conference losses place the Longhorns just below Tech and the four other teams tied for third place in the Big 12. So a few wins for Texas could put them in the right position.

Only the top eight teams in the final conference standings make the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City, and a few wins on the road also could work in Tech's favor.

"We're excited with where we are right now," Spencer said. "We want to

go to Oklahoma City, I've never been and a lot of the players haven't either."

The road woes continue for Tech.

The Red Raiders enter the weekend series after having a two-game win streak snapped at Texas State — a team Texas defeated earlier this season — in a 10-4 loss on Wednesday.

The loss pushed Tech's record away from Dan Law Field to 2-12 and Tech tied a season-high for fielding errors with four. The defense also gave up six unearned runs to the Bobcats.

However, the Red Raiders do not feel any added pressure to win on the road.

"(Wednesday) didn't turn out the way we wanted it to," Tech first baseman Chris Richburg said, "but we feel we can play well. We're going in with a good attitude and just taking it one game at a time."

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

The Longhorn starting pitchers are allowing a combined ERA of 1.99. The entire Texas pitching staff is allowing an opposing batting average of .197.

Only one Texas batter is hitting above .300, but with the pitching, the Longhorns still have outscored oppo-



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TEXAS TECH SHORTSTOP Joey Kenworthy and the Red Raiders take on Texas in a three-game series starting at 6:30 p.m. today in Austin.

nents 92-49.

Despite Texas' strong overall record and its pitching staff, Richburg, who leads Tech in home runs with eight, said the Red Raiders did not prepare for Texas any differently than any other opponent in Thursday's practice.

"No one really cares if it's Texas or anyone else," he said. "They're going to come out and pitch well so we're going to have to come out and hit well."

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 nine walks.

"This is a great opportunity for our kids to play Texas on the road," Spencer said. "It's a great test for our ball club — they're all tests."

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Women's tennis on road without Petty

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This is an important time of the season for the Texas Tech women's tennis team 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.

"This is going to be a new experience for me," said the Sao Paulo, Brazil native and former Georgia College & State University assistant coach. "I just want to make sure I can do my best, help these girls out, and hopefully come back home with two wins."

Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel, who works with Ferreira on a daily basis, said that both the men's and women's teams are always helping each other and the experience will be valuable to Ferreira.

"I think it's great that Marcelo has the opportunity to help out Todd," he

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

With Ferreira at the helm Tech will try 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 Texas A&M.

Now, Tech will face the remaining two in No. 58 Missouri (7-5, 3-1) at 5 p.m. Friday in Columbia, Mo., and Colorado (8-5, 3-0) at 11 a.m. Sunday in Boulder, Colo.

The Lady Raiders sit in a four-way tie for seventh place in the Big 12 with Iowa State, Kansas and No. 70 Oklahoma State.

After Tech finishes its first five matches against the top five teams in the Big 12, the schedule appears to favor the Lady Raiders as they play four of the bottom five squads in their last six matches.

Despite the 1-3 record, the Lady Raiders — with some big wins in non-conference play including against then-No. 21 TCU — believe they can win the rest of

their matches on the schedule.

"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 right time.

The Buffaloes have won their first three against Big 12 opponents, setting up a showdown against No. 4 Baylor Saturday.

At this point in the season, Samantha van der Drift said every team is fighting 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 our matches."

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Rare home match awaits Tech men's tennis

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Lamar could be seen as a tune-up before the rigors of Big 12 Conference play starts next week.

However, Tech senior Christian Rojmar said the team will not take the Cardinals lightly. In fact, he said this match could not have come at a better time.

"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 probably the best way to get ready for the Big 12."

The Red Raiders have one final non-conference game before they start

their Big 12 schedule against No. 12 Texas and No. 14 Texas A&M. Tech has A&M on April 3.

Tech (10-6) begins play against Lamar (7-6) at 1 p.m. Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"I think the timing is perfect for us to have only one match," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "This break has been good for us, but before we know it we're going to be heading to play A&M and Texas, and my mind is already set for the Big 12."

The four seniors in the lineup for Tech know the importance of Big 12 play and seem to have picked up their level of play as the season rolls on.

Rojmar at No. 4 has won three of his last four matches and Michael Breler at the No. 5 position has won five of his last eight. Additionally, Sinisa Markovic

at No. 2 is 9-1 in his last 10 matches and Milos Kustudija at the No. 6 spot is 8-2 in his last 10 matches for the Red Raiders.

Dating back to last season, Tech is 9-0 at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

"Lamar is going to be a good way for us to work on the stuff we have practiced this week," Breler said. "We are all a little sore, a little tired from the road trip, but we had a few days off to rest and prepare ourselves for this weekend."

However, the Red Raiders will try not to overlook the Cardinals, who are coming off a 4-3 win against Abilene Christian.

"Every match we treat the same," Siegel said. "Whether it's Lamar or Texas, but the guys need a match to prepare for A&M who is one of the hottest teams in the country right now."

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