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A&M OKs \$1M payment over bioweapons

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - The Texas A&M System Board of Regents has agreed to a \$1 million payment to the U.S. government as a step toward restarting a biodefense program.

The approval came Tuesday. A&M's bioweapons program was suspended in 2007 after a review found poor safety practices, shoddy record-keeping and lack of proper training at campus labs.

One worker became infected with Brucella in 2006 and three others were exposed to Q fever.

Both diseases are rarely fatal in humans, but can cause high fever and flulike symptoms.

NATION

Power outage leaves **3 million powerless**

MIAMI (AP) - Florida's largest utility says equipment failure and a fire at a Miami substation led to power outages that affected up to 3 million people.

Florida Power & Light is

UMC reaches capacity, redirects patients

By MATT MCGOWAN AND ADAM YOUNG THE DAILY TOREADOR

University Medical Center stopped accepting noncritical patients Tuesday as a result of having too many patients and a lack of capacity.

Greg Bruce, vice president of corporate services at UMC, said exceptionally large numbers of patients forced the medical center to temporarily redirect some of its incoming traffic to its emergency room, or, when appropriate, to other facilities. The medical center will continue accepting patients in unstable condition, however, despite the lack of space.

"We have a number of patients that are waiting in

our emergency room for beds in the hospital," Bruce said, "and what we're doing is taking pause for the safety of all of our patients, reallocating our staffing resources, working with our medical staff, seeing if we can discharge patients from the hospital to free up additional beds to take care of this influx of patients.'

Patients scheduled to arrive at the hospital from other facilities or directly from physicians were not admitted, according to a press release from UMC.

"EMS is still responding to calls, they're still transporting patients to our emergency room - patients that are unstable should be in the emergency room, and we're able to take care of those," Bruce said. "We're

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL Center emergency room is located at Sixth Street and Indiana Avenue on the west side of the complex.



Iraq: Northern regions flare up as Shiites gather in south **By JOHN AFFLECK**

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents targeted passenger buses north of Baghdad on Tuesday, as a suicide bomber killed at least eight people west of Mosul and gunmen seized 21 men traveling through Diyala province.

The latest bloodshed highlighted the slow-going, punch-counterpunch U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida in Iraq, more than a month after Iraq's prime minister said he expected the fight for Mosul would

still trying to determine what caused the failure and fire. The company says such equipment failure should not have caused the widespread blackouts.

WORLD

Drug-resistant **TB** spreading fast

LONDON (AP) - Drugresistant tuberculosis is spreading even faster than medical experts had feared, the World Health Organization warned in report issued Tuesday.

The rate of TB patients infected with the drug-resistant strain topped 20 percent in some countries, the highest ever recorded, the U.N. agency said.

"Ten years ago, it would have been unthinkable to see rates like this," said Dr. Mario Raviglione, director of WHO's "Stop TB" department. "This demonstrates what happens when you keep making mistakes in TB treatment.'



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weather conditions.

Early estimates show nearly 375,000 acres went up in a blaze Monday afternoon as high incurred wildfires across parts of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, said Todd Lindley,

many preventative measures to reduce the

risk of fires during this winter's flame-friendly

While the causes of Monday's fires vary, he officer in Lubbock's fire marshal's office. said, many came as a result of high winds that the grass below.

dry and that windy out there, the sources for a have been accidental, he said,

bock region saw this year, the likelihood and these. said Garett Nelson, information management

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreado STUDENTS ARE PROHIBITED from lighting fires in outdoor

"This is an ongoing problem in windy country," he caused power lines to fall and spark nearby said. "When we go for a stretch without rain like this, recipe for quick-moving fires."

"Actually, (on Monday), one of the more In recent years, multiple sources caused wildfires destructive fires yesterday, down near I-20, in the South Plains region, Lindley said, such as ima light bulb that blew out at a Little League cars, sparks from power lines and sparks from welding

those kinds of winds and the weather is that Almost all of the regional fires in the past few years

fire like that could come from almost anything Although wildfires do not tend to occur often in imaginable that would produce a spark? urban areas, Lindley said, people still should remain Considering what little rainfall the Lub- vigilant and cautious during conditions as volatile as

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be a "decisive battle."

The Americans view the northern campaign as a chance to subdue al-Qaida in Iraq in areas surrounding Mosul, a major transportation hub which the military has described as the terror group's last urban stronghold.

Tuesday's bombing, 40 miles west of Mosul, struck a bus heading from that city to the Syrian capital of Damascus.

Al-Qaida is believed to use the cover of sprawling sheep and produce markets in Mosul to smuggle foreign fighters, weapons and cash from Syria. Mosul, the country's third-largest city, lies some 80 miles east of the Syrian border and 225 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Farther north, Turkish officials said Tuesday their troops pressed an incursion deeper into Iraq, as they chased separatist Kurdish rebels as much as 12 miles across that border. Fed-up Iraqi leaders demanded that Turkey end the military operation, and the regional parliament in Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdish area unanimously approved a measure authorizing its military forces to fight back if attacked by Turks.

The south, however, was relatively calm. There, millions of black-clad pilgrims clogged the streets of Karbala for the peak of an annual religious commemoration for a revered Shiite figure. A nationwide pilgrimage to the city was marred by attacks earlier in the week that killed at least 63 people.

Violence has rattled much of the northern region in recent days.

Senate Republicans have change of heart, welcome Iraq debate

By ANNE FLAHERTY Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an about-face, Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they said the debate would give them time to hail progress in Iraq.

The change of heart came after months of blocking similar measures. But unlike most of last year, security conditions in Iraq have improved, and Republicans say they now feel they have the upper hand on the debate.

"We welcome a discussion about Iraq," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell declared.

The measure, by Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead.

But after Republicans agreed in a private meeting that the debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating it in earnest. Aides said a final vote could come later this week, but may be pushed into next week.

The White House said the president would veto such a measure.

"This legislation would substitute the political judgment of legislators for the considered professional military judgment of our military commanders," the administration said in a statement.

Democrats said they welcomed the debate, although they accused Republicans of stalling on plans to debate other issues, namely the nation's housing crisis.

Reid said "a civil war rages" in Iraq and shouldn't be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers. "Americans need to start taking care of Americans," he said. "We cannot spend a half billion dollars every day in Iraq."

In recent months, violence in Iraq has subsided significantly and the Baghdad government has made small steps toward political reconciliation, including plans to hold provincial elections on Oct. 1.

While Democratic voters remain largely against the war, polls have shown, the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Republicans and turned voters' focus to economic problems at home.

Still, Republicans say they have more convincing to do if they are to control the White House next year.

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Fires

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One fire on Wednesday, for inthe Tech campus.

threat in an urban area, but these things are literally wild-land fires," Lindley said. "They tend to have a better chance of becoming more severe if they're out in thick, grassy fields."

as students go through their daily lives.

The first and most effective step students can take to minimize the threat of a fire is awareness, said Nelson.

watch for and be thinking about the he said. "We're not 100 percent sure conditions, should keep a fire issue of how dry it is and the high what started the fire, but it possibly winds," he said. "I think, when we could have been a cigarette." have the weather like it is right now, people tend not to think. They tend to want to act like they do when just not the case right now."

As another preventative measure, Nelson said, Red Raiders should going to smoke, but put it out before refrain from bringing any open flame you flick it," Nelson said. "All of us tems moving across in the coming outside, particularly in the case of have been driving down the street weeks, it's possible we could have barbecue grills. Anybody who grills before in the evening and you'll see a heightened fire danger again," outside on an exceptionally windy day is "just asking for trouble."

Tech's fire officials prohibit any outdoor, open-flame cooking on camprohibition of outside cooking likely in the United States are electrical, will continue until regional officials so it is important to be careful lift bans on outdoor burning.

Construction constitutes a major stance, he said, occurred near urban fire risk on campus because much on campus, said Nelson, may be areas of Odessa, which shows these of it involves welding and other fires could occur anywhere, even on flame-using processes, he said. His office encourages these contractors larger than the size of a gallon jug "You don't want to downplay the to exercise caution and to keep extinguishers nearby in the event of an on fire. unexpected flame.

propane containers associated with something unsafe," he said. "If it's a roofing project at the Coleman to the point that it's the size of a For students on campus, he said, Residence Hall caught fire, Kenthe threat of fire is very real and non said. Though officials have not thing to do would be to run into should be taken into consideration determined the exact cause definitively, it appeared an outside source extinguisher." ignited a grass fire that then ignited the propane.

that actually caught some propane extinguisher. bottles on fire for the contractor "I think the main thing is to that was doing the roofing project,"

Cigarettes comprise another significant threat to fires on campus, Kennon said. Those who smoke continue to foster fire-friendly everything is green and lush. That's should be very careful to extinguish their cigarettes completely.

"We understand that people are into the spring. a red cigarette flick out a window. In he said. "That takes these fuels this type of climate, you're just looking for a fire. It's just irresponsible."

pus because current conditions easily too, he said. Interior fires often result just makes them more susceptible could result in uncontrollable blazes, from poor cooking practices and to burning." said Mike Kennon, fire safety officer overloaded electrical sockets. Ap-

for the Tech Fire Marshal's office. The proximately 40 percent of all fires about not overloading outlets.

> Students who encounter a fire able to stomp it out themselves, but only if it is small enough - no — and will not light their pants

"One thing we don't ever Approximately two weeks ago, want to do is ask people to do gallon jug or so, or bigger, the best a building nearby and grab a fire

In this scenario, Nelson added, the student should call emergency "It looked like a small grass fire personnel as they retrieve the

> Students who are grilling outside, he said, regardless of weather extinguisher or a bucket of water nearby in case a spark escapes and ignites nearby grass.

> Weather conditions likely will conditions, Lindley said. The threat of fire often continues well

"If we get these weather systhat we have out there that are very dry, and it just bakes them The threat of fire reaches indoors, hour-by-hour in the afternoon. It

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Iraq denounces Turkish incursion, demands immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi has been reached." government demanded for the first time that Turkey immediately with- rebel camps and have pushed more draw from northern Iraq, warning than 12 miles into Iraq, a Turkish Tuesday it feared an ongoing incur- government official and military sion could lead to clashes with the official who are familiar with the official forces of the semiautonomous incursion plans told The Associated Kurdish region.

Tayyip Erdogan said the opera- authorized to speak to the media. tion would only end "once its goal

Turkish troops have seized seven inside northern Iraq. Press. They spoke on condition of Turkish Prime Minister Recep anonymity because they were not Earlier Turkish media reports eignty.

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had put Turkish troops nine miles

Turkish media reports have said that thousands of troops are inside Iraq.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the first confirmed Turkish military ground operation in Iraq in about a decade was a violation of Iraqi sover-

Former U.S. Ambassador to visit Tech

BY JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Robert Houdek, a former U.S. Ambassador and National Intelligence Officer for Africa, will be visiting Texas Tech to present a discussion of West African Affairs. about affairs in Africa at 6 p.m. in the Human Sciences building today.

Tibor Nagy, the Vice Provost for International Affairs, said he believes Tech students are very minimally educated on what is going on in Africa.

England and Africa.' Well, Africa is ing Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the last 54 countries."

Houdek and Nagy are personal speak here.

Houdek was a Foreign Service of-

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hoping it's just a temporary, shortterm thing that will take just a little while, and within hours we can have capacity. the situation alleviated and our immediate needs met."

supplies or equipment, but rather a lack of capacity.

its recipients from an unexpected months, people get sicker." variation of the virus, Bruce said.

the flu, we have a lot of people sick with pneumonia," Bruce said, "so, we're just seeing a lot more patients than we typically have."

Bruce said UMC is coordinating needs are met.

As of early Tuesday evening, UMC's patient diversion significantly has not impacted the operations of the nearby Covenant Medical patients as the need arises.

ficer from 1962-1996, serving as the been working for several months with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Nagy to bring Houdek to the univerfor African Affairs, the Chief of Mis- sity, and he encourages students to sion in the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia, take advantage of the opportunity the Deputy Chief of Mission in Kenya to listen to every speaker who visits and the Deputy Director of the Office Tech.

He also was a former U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea and Uganda and a negotiator with the Agency for International Development Disaster Assistance Response Team during the job is to make Texas Tech students Rwandan genocide.

"I always like to say 'Africa is a the White House staff as a special cause I can assure you, like it or not, U.S. Ambassador. "So many Ameri- Advisor and also was awarded the cans think of Africa - I've heard President's Exceptional Service them say, 'Countries like France, Medal in 1991 for his role in evacuatdays of the Ethiopian Civil War.

acquaintances, said Nagy, and their ors College, said Houdek will give educational foundation, will sponsor relationship is a primary reason students a different perspective and the event, which will be in room 169 Tech was able to bring Houdek to a different way of looking at the of the Human Sciences building. The world.

Bell said the Honors College has *b* jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

Covenant Medical Center, however, is experiencing its own problems with overcrowding, she said. With approximately 700 patients currently receiving care at Covenant, it

The late-winter/early-spring season often brings an increase in Bruce said the patient diversion demand for medical treatment, is not a result of insufficient staffing, Stephens said, which can strain local facilities.

UMC's surge of patients is part of a try, high seasons and low seasons, and hospital, and the nursing staff is regional and state-wide phenomenon this right now is a peak census season working well," he said. "Patient safety this year resulting from influenza vac- every year," she said. "Just this time is our priority, and we're doing this cines that do not adequately protect of year, because of flu and wintertime for the safety of our patients. We're

"We have a lot of people sick with said Covenant never has gone on local diversion and never intends to do so, regardless of capacity.

the largest emergency room, so if UMC went on diversion and we with other hospitals and clinics in went on diversion, where would the the area to see that patients' medical patients go?" she asked. "There's no the future is, we are looking at expanother place for them to go. Just thinking about the patients in Lubbock that need to be taken care of, we need to stay open, and we do."

Center, said Michelle Stephens, center, whereas UMC is a level-one here, but we want the capacity to be spokesperson for the hospital, but it trauma center, Stephens said. The will be prepared to accommodate new main difference between the two levels basically lies in staffing. UMC numbers or statistics about the num-"It's only been a couple of hours has residents, which allows them to ber of patients currently at UMC by so far," she said. "It's not like we have provide the necessary around-the-

Nagy said he believes students should be educated about what is going on in the world because it will help them compete in the job market.

"One of my dreams in taking this more globally competitive and more From 1969-1971, Houdek was on globally competent," Nagy said. "Benot a country," said Nagy, a former assistant to the National Security every student who graduates from Texas Tech from now on, no matter what field, is going to be totally immersed in a globalized economy."

> The Honors College, the Office of International Affairs and the CH Gary Bell, the dean of the Hon- Foundation, a Lubbock cultural and event is free to the public.

> > Patients rerouted from level-one UMC to level-two Covenant, Stephens said, will not see a difference in the quality or nature of care.

"They are going to get the best also is "pretty full" and at maximum trauma care here that they possibly can get," Stephens said.

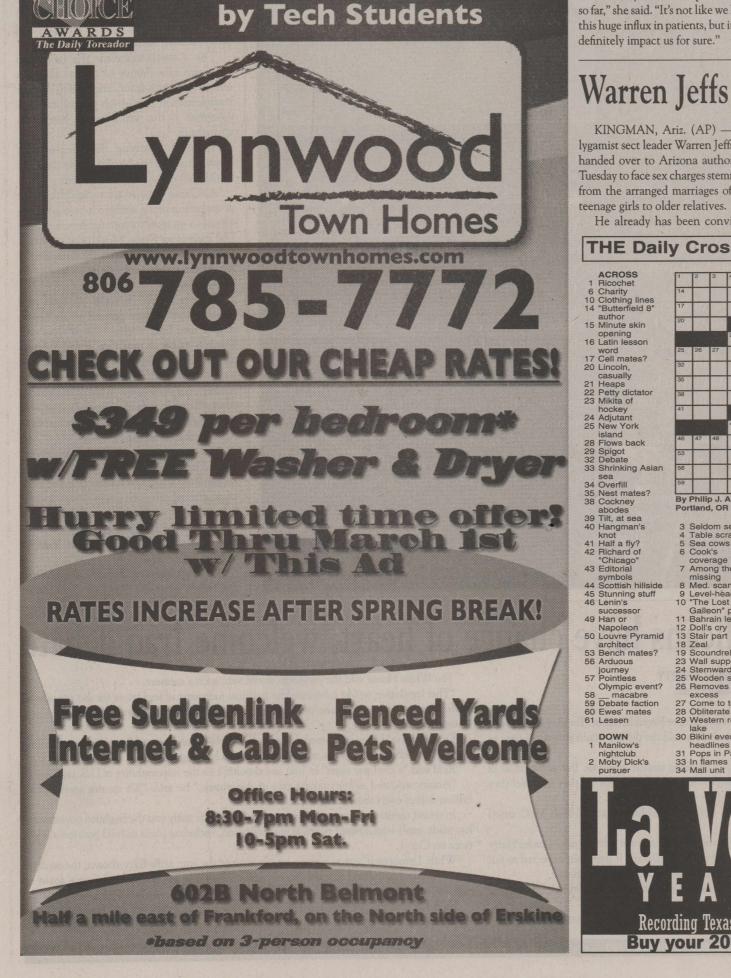
Despite overcrowding, Bruce said he believes hospital operations still are running smoothly considering the circumstances.

"This is indicating that our medi-"We kind of have, like every indus- cal staff is working well with the doing this to make sure that we have Unlike UMC, however, Stephens the resources that they need to be cared for."

As a result, Bruce said, the region's growing medical needs may "When you think about it, we're call for UMC to look at its options for accommodating the demand.

"Some things we can do to hopefully alleviate it from happening in sion, both in our emergency room and the hospital itself," he said, "and we are also hopeful that patients will do everything they can to stay out Covenant is a level-two trauma of the hospital. Nobody wants to be available when people are sick."

> Bruce did not provide specific press time.



this huge influx in patients, but it will clock staffing of a level-one trauma definitely impact us for sure." center.

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Warren Jeffs in custody of Arizona authorities

handed over to Arizona authorities girl. Tuesday to face sex charges stemming

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) - Po- in Utah in connection with one of booked into the county jail, where lygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs was those cases, involving a 14-year-old he will be kept separate from other Deputies from the Mohave Coun-

from the arranged marriages of two ty Sheriff's Office took custody of Jeffs from Utah officials, sheriff's spokes- torney General Terry Goddard said. He already has been convicted woman Trish Carter said. He was

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inmates, said sheriff's department Capt. Greg Smith.

"Now it's our turn," Arizona At-"I hope the message is very simple: the law applies to everybody, whether they're the head of a large religious group, or somebody who's not. It's a crime to abuse children, and there are no exceptions."

Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will plead not guilty to the Arizona charges Wednesday in a Kingman court, said defense attorney Mike Piccarreta.

Jeffs, 52, is charged as an accomplice with four counts of incest and four counts of sexual contact with a minor in an indictment.

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More than 7,000 Starbucks coffee stores close for training

By JORDAN EICHER STAFF WRITER

Caffeine intake ceased for an earth-shattering three hours as more than 7,000 Starbucks locations all over the nation closed down Tuesday night for remedial espresso training for employed baristas

According to a Starbucks corporate representative who refused to give her name, the aim of this project is to teach Starbucks employees the way of the espresso.

"We are shutting our doors to provide training," she said. "We apologize for the inconvenience to customers, but we know it will benefit the avid customers in the long run."

And even without their caffeine fix for the night, devoted latte drinkers agree.

"It would have been nice to get my cup before work, but I guess it's good they are teaching them (how) to properly make the coffee," said MaryKate Gallup, junior psychology major of Harker Heights.

desperate.

day," said Jason Miles, law school student of Midland, when denied his Venti Caramel Macchiato. "I mean, I'm glad the baristas are loss of sales will benefit not only cup of coffee," she said. learning to do their work right, the corporation in the end, but) ja.eicher@ttu.edu



DAVID DEBUSK ADDS half and half to his complimentary coffee outside the Starbucks located a Glenna Goodacre and University. All 7,100 Starbucks locations across the nation were closed today for training.

Others were a little more don't know if I will survive."

"I have the same routine every for the evening, with customers anxiously awaiting the reopening best place for high-quality espresso, at 9 p.m., those employed with steamed and foamed milk, and just Starbucks hope the three-hour a place for those wanting a good

because I'm sick of getting burnt Starbucks fans as well.

espresso, but man, three hours, I

The Starbucks representative

said she felt this was the key to So as the doors remained closed making that possible.

"We want Starbucks to be the

Panel discusses men's health, fitness

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

A panel of diverse men gathered to share information and personal opinions about men's health and nutrition issues at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in room 201 of the Rec Center.

The discussion was hosted by Student Counseling Center counof men's body-image concerns.

It seems women are not alone in cording to the Texas Tech Student Counseling Center, 80 percent of college-aged men are dissatisfied with their appearance, and one in 10 anorectics is now male.

On a national level, about 45 percent of Western men are unhappy with their bodies to some degree, compared with only 15 percent some 25 years ago. Gay men and athletes particularly are vulnerable to poor body image or feelings of insecurity about their bodies.

With the increased use of performance-enhancing drugs in professional sports, and constant images of perfectly sculpted bodies on television, movies and clothing ads, it is no wonder why young men have dealt with body image concerns.

Many men use steroids to "get ahead" for fast results without considering the long-term damaging effects.

David Schaefer, a senior biochemistry major from Cisco, said steroids are not the only dangerous thing on the market today.

"I could make a case for any

Schaefer said. "There are adverse ef- said. fects on anything you take daily. Carbs, protein and creatine are generally okay

when consumed in moderation." One destructive fallacy of men is that they do not talk about their feelings when there is much-needed dialogue.

seling psychologist Tom Golightly, early as 3 years old, which teaches us men should contact a professional or who began the event with statistics that there is only one accepted emotion research a notable government Web - to be tough," Golightly said.

To achieve a healthy body, inside having body-image insecurities. Ac- and out, men need to start small. It is vital to set goals to attain the desired outcome. Clint Browning, a senior exercise sports sciences major said. from Sweetwater, uses the acronym S.M.A.R.T. - which stands for specific, measurable, attainable, realistic takes made by college-aged men are and timely - to set and execute his skipping breakfast, drinking in excess goals.

> "You have to set goals for what your and fruits. genetics allow you to do and learn to bridget.destefano@ttu.edu

dietary supplement and its dangers," stabilize your workouts," Browning

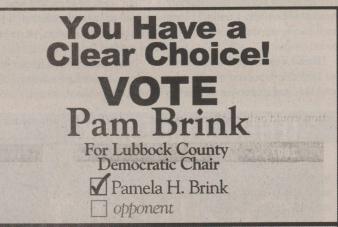
There are three stages to fitness: workout, recovery and nutrition. Nutrition and recovery most often are neglected in the process to be fit. Tony Paradis, a senior nutrition major from Flower Mound, advocated "making lifestyle changes, not crash dieting." "For boys, competition starts as When seeking nutritional advice, site, such as www.mypyramid.gov.

"Eating carbohydrates, which are protein-sparing nutrients, up to 15 minutes after a workout is good for replenishing muscle building," Paradis

The panel members said among the most common nutritional misand not eating enough vegetables



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreadon MEMBERS OF the men's health pannel, David Schaefer, Tom Golightly, Clint Browning and Tony Paradis, discuss issues with self image and health in todays culture, Tuesday evening in the REC room 201.



Carrie Underwood delivers memorable performance

By LIBBY SEGAL THE GOOD FIVE CENT CIGAR (U. RHODE ISLAND)

(U-WIRE) KINGSTON, R.I. ---23 songs; four outfits; one stage; one CD, Some Hearts. American Idol.

Floor" from her newest CD, Carnival Some Hearts. Ride

Carrie Underwood: thousands of fans; into the song "Wasted" from her debut "While We're Young and Beautiful,"

On Sunday the Dunkin Donuts on her third song, "Get Out of This Hearts." Center was nearly sold out for the 2008 Town," as she picked up a guitar and

Underwood began singing "Flat on the a montage of four songs from the CD, - and Underwood explained that an

She began with "Lessons Learned," Without stopping, Underwood burst moved onto "That's Where It Is" and and closed the montage with a power-

Alan Jackson and Faith Hill concert was her first.

She compared herself to her fans and said that she was the fan at one time. She was just like all the girls in the audience Underwood showed her versatility ful vocal version of the single "Some and she pronounced that all the girls at the show were all-American girls, After closing the montage, all the before breaking into her newest single,

has won numerous awards including several Grammys, several CMT awards, and several AMA awards. At the Dunkin Underwood hiked backstage, only to Spears' act of going to Las Vegas and get-Donuts Center, Underwood came off as reappear in what looked like a prom ting married on a whim. The lights were both versatile and personable.

delayed start because opening act Josh and "I Know You Won't," before strip- the crowd was having fun. Turner came down with the flu several hours before the performance. At 8:15, the lights dimmed, the crowd cheered the clock got closer to zero the crowd of you!' got louder and louder. When it hit zero, winner.

Underwood's backup band began to

Female Country Vocal Grammy Award played while she sang. She also acknowlwinner. Underwood proved why she was edged the crowd saying, "Get up dance, before she began one of her more hip and sing, whatever."

> ping down to a party dress for "Ain't in Checotah Anymore."

She began singing "Crazy Dreams," and a 5-minute countdown began on and ended it by saying, "I am the epitome to be on the road a long time, and somethe backdrop screen of the stage. As of crazy dreams. And it's thanks to all

everyone was standing awaiting the jeans and tank for the rest of the night old-time softball skills as she caught entrance of the 2004 "American Idol" as she moved onto "one of [her] favorite songs," "I Told You So."

Before beginning her next set of play, but where was Underwood? Not songs, or montage, she said, "My goal crowd asking, "For how many of you is on the stage, but below it, rising through was to sell enough that I could make this your first concert?" Several groups hard to believe anyone could forget to an entrance below the stage. Dressed in another CD." She continued by saying of people yelled - mostly young girls remember her. a black tank with a white southern vest that the songs on her first CD could on top, black pants and cowgirl boots, not be forgotten, so what followed was

action stopped for just one moment, upbeat songs, "Last Name." The storyline derwood cut into the song "So Small," The band continued playing and of this song sounded parallel to Britney gown. She remained in the prom gown flashing and Underwood was dancing The show, set for 7:30 p.m. had a for the songs, "Jesus Take the Wheel," around the stage. She was having fun, derwood rose again, with a silver shirt

> Again, Underwood broke up the fast pace, with one of her first singles "Don't Forget to Remember Me." "We're going times I miss home," Underwood sang.

During the following song, "It's two stuffed animals that were thrown to her

"All-American Girl."

As the song came to a close, Unbefore disappearing beneath the stage through the same entrance she came up through. The lights went black.

Approximately a minute later, Uncovering her yellow tank, and sang two songs, including a cover of Guns and Roses' "Paradise City." The song was a reminder of her first rock cover on "American Idol," "Love is a Battlefield," in 2004.

Underwood rounded the show out Underwood would remain in her Twisted," Underwood showed off her with her Grammy Award-winning vocal, "Before He Cheats." Confetti shot from the sides of the stage and rained down on the audience, while Underwood's music Underwood then took a poll of the rained throughout the stadium.

With a performance like this, it is

opponent

Lawyer

Party Organizing ▼ Zero

Party Participation

▼ Zero

▼ Two?

▼ Zero

▼ Zero

Attendance Precinct Chair Monthly Executive Committee Meetings:

Attendance Annual Fundraisers.

Cooperation with County Chair:

Never would work with college

friend, Irma Guerrero, for the party and refused nomination for Vice Chair in 2005.

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Consistent Local-Party Financial Contribution:

Brink

Owner, Small Business, 28 Years.

Party Organizing

- Organized block-walking for Clifford Clinesmith. Lubbock County was his only win.
- Organized 2002 DreamTeam Banquet and got write-up in Austin American Statesman.
- President, West Texas Coalition of Democrats, 2000-2006.
- Organized 2002 West Texas Campaign Caravan for state and regional Democratic Candidates, setting up rallies with local organizers in a four-day swing through all of West Texas.
- Instrumental in securing the funds to purchase the debt-free, year-round Democratic Headquarters.
- Help organize Annual Fundraising Banquet and Annual Art Auction.
- Charter Member, Texas Democratic Women, South Plains Chapter.
- Participated in the following local and regional campaigns:
- ▲ Maggie Trejo ▲ Marina Garcia
- ▲ Gilbert Flores ▲ Todd Klein
- ▲ Mary Nell Mathis ▲ Joe Heflin
- ▲ Charlie Stenholm

Party Participation

Attendance Precinct Chair Monthly Executive Committee Meetings: ★ Every Month

Attendance Annual Fundraisers:

★ Attended all 14

Consistent Local-Party Financial Contribution:

★ Monthly Donation

Cooperation with County Chair.

★ Worked closely and constructively on party issues and activities with County Chairs: A Tommy Jones ▲ Todd Klein ▲ Irma Guerrero ▲ Johnnie Jones ▲ Sue Barrick

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Speak up, fight intolerance

In a setting meant to promote enlightenment and the breakdown Lof ignorance, the prevalence of hateful speech and intolerant jokes is disheartening.

As Texas Tech Red Raiders, we are fortunate to participate in prideful traditions and even more privileged to immerse ourselves in the knowledge brought forth by varying perspectives and insightful teachers.

understanding through our higher ceptable behavior. education, it is easy for some to fall back toward the comfort of ignorance and spew seemingly innocuous remarks at the expense of others.

panied by both friend and acquaintance, out the other. I engaged in the type of conversation where nothing incredibly deep is spoken the discriminator is just an ignoramus - due to the mixed company - and where occasional laughter is customary for the sake of politeness.

The informal exchange of conversation soon took a turn for uncomfortable silence and quick instances of eye contact exchanged by those who understood the uncouth nature of a story just told.

The story went into a lot of detail to explain the "gayness" of a person not in attendance at the dinner and the storyteller employed vulgar quips to ensure that we had a clear understanding of the subject's "effeminate" characteristics.

I was offended by the ignorant remarks, but I uncharacteristically bit my tongue to maintain the neutral atmosphere and proceed with the bland debate about human equality. Like I have conversation.

bubble where I think everyone is as towards discriminators and disassociate prejudice still faced by our school, state open-minded and tolerant as I am, and yourself from their toxic ways. after reflecting on the inappropriate around campus.

Hateful words and statements not



around in casual conversation and made acceptable by those - myself included - who have stood by with awkward Although we are offered further smiles unprovoked to correct the unac-

this slide because speaking out may row-minded individuals about the error cause an uncomfortable situation. So instead we say nothing and let the dis-Once upon a casual dinner, accom- crimination pass through one ear and

and not worth engaging in a heated

I must admit I tend to live in a bubble where I think everyone is as open-minded and tolerant as I am...

been prone to in the past, you may even I must admit I tend to live in a subscribe to a policy of zero tolerance that speak to the problem of cyclical

But someone incredibly wise once remarks of the night, I realized I have said something to the effect of "If you're heard people use derogatory terms all not a part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

just targeting homosexuals, but also go around spouting intolerance do not Austin. E-mail her at racial slurs and stereotypes are thrown realize what they are doing is incredibly **juliet.azarani@ttu.edu**.

offensive and wrong. Discriminatory words are so prevalent in our vocabulary they have become commonplace among some, which is an unsettling realization.

I used to think I was doing the right thing when I decided to not associate with bigots or homophobic individuals, but now I realize the harmful implications of not embracing an uncomfortable moment and using it to promote tolerance.

For all I know, I may be the only It is often easier to let remarks like person to ever rationally confront narof their ways and possibly bring about a more tolerant understanding in those people.

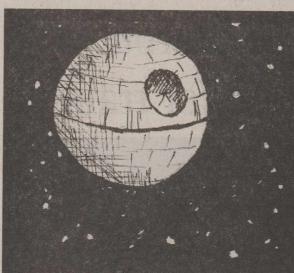
Of course, some may not be so To justify our inaction we reason that inclined to hear that they promote ignorant ideas about different people in the world, but I think it is important that steps are taken and words are spoken that reach for understanding.

While it seems easier to leave prejudiced statements uncorrected, confronting friends, acquaintances or classmates about their remarks may lead to constructive discussion about the impact of hateful words, or at least address a negative situation that would otherwise go unchallenged.

Don't employ negative verbal attacks to get your point across; disgracing a person into submission is not conducive to tolerance. But do say something when you hear intolerant words or jokes being thrown around like acceptable behavior.

The most simple and insightful words and country were spoken by the Persian poet Jalal ad-Din Rumi: "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there.

I can guarantee half the people that **Azarani is a sophomore from**



PINIONS

SOMEWHERE, A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY ...



Keep English as unofficial language

By TAYLOR KESSINGER ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA) all backgrounds - as long as they don't They believe we should seal the border they're different!

do anything to remind us white folk that or pass laws until "para Español, marque dos" is no longer an option - in fact, this is almost exactly what Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., suggested during his pitiful presidential campaign. The fervor attached to this idea is almost religious in nature. Adherents of this doctrine believe that non-English speakers are somehow attacking "American culture." But American culture is no culture at all. The United States is unique among nations precisely because it is founded not on a common ethnic, cultural or linguistic heritage, but on a commitment to a set of core ideals on which everyone can agree. There's good reason to think this is precisely why the Founding Fathers didn't declare English as the official language If you don't believe me, check out of this country - as smart men, they probably accepted that the culture of our country, and even the language, might change with time.

As Black History Month comes to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to draw the black community's attention to a word used by the Akan people of Ghana, in West Africa: "Sankofa."

The concept of Sankofa often is symbolized by

a bird flying forward while looking backwards. This symbolism reminded the Akan about the importance of learning from their past so that they could move forward and build for the future.

When black people look back, what do we see? Not enough. Many of us were exposed to a school curriculum that chronicled world history from a Eurocentric perspective, which highlighted Europeans' own accomplishments and minimized the accomplishments of others.

Therefore, many of us are unaware of our African ancestors' historical accomplishments and contributions to civilization. There is a common saying: "Our limitations rest in our ignorance." Practicing Sankofa will help us learn we are the descendents of the founders of the world's first civilization.

We need to know about multi-talented Imhotep, considered by many African historians to be the architect behind the construction of the first step pyramid and the father of medicine. We need to know that the oldest medical records were found in the Nile Valley.

Practicing Sankofa will reveal the African origins of math and Greeks obtained their education from the Egyptians. When we practice

get a glimpse of our legacy of competence and the contributions our African ancestors have made to civilization.

Developing a legacy of competence may nullify the harmful messages black people receive regarding their often-cited "inferior" academic and intellectual abilities. At best, awareness of these historical accomplishments might encourage students to recalibrate their feelings of efficacy to succeed in fields - such as science, technology, engineering and math — in which black people are underrepresented.

The recalibration may encourage students to replace their "I can't" statements with "I can." Developing this historical consciousness also should encourage black children and adults to continue the legacy of their ancestors.

As Black History Month comes to an end, I encourage the black community to make practicing Sankofa a year-round activity, not one restricted to the month of February. Sankofa!

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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — It may surprise you to learn that the United comes in the form of an assertion that States has no "official language" — a fact people have some kind of moral obligawhich means that offering services, like ' tion to learn the language of the country education, in languages other than Eng- they live in. Of course, you'll never hear lish is a possibility for public institutions like the University of Arizona.

Every few years, propositions that English should be the official language of the United States re-enter the public sphere of discussion. On last year's ballot, this idea manifested itself as Proposition admission that the debate over English 103, whose aim was to declare English as an official language should focus on the official language of Arizona and cut funding for dual-language materials and services.

You can accept one of two explanations for this phenomenon. The first is that the English-only movement some of the arguments these people make. is based on an egalitarian desire for A good starting point is to search "press 1 minorities to have equal footing with for English" on Google. Believe it or not, a everyone else. The second is that the number of people apparently believe you movement is founded on a form of racism, a paradoxical and arbitrary standard as an impotent act of individual protest their meaning if they're expressed in any for cultural assimilation which states that

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The justification layered on top of this people complaining that the first English immigrants to the United States should have learned any American Indian languages, except insofar as it benefited them

to be able to communicate with others. But this is nothing more than an pragmatic concerns. Arguments from moral obligations to learn English are nothing but transparent covers for equally transparent racist ideas.

should simply refuse to press anything think that American ideals somehow lose against the evil capitalist system which language other than English. But the rest we, as Americans, should accept people of dares to accommodate Spanish speakers. of us know better.

Apparently, a large number of people

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Contrary to what was depicted in yesterday's editorial cartoon drawn by Eric Braden, Chelsea Clinton never has been implicated in or linked to drug use of any kind. The Daily Toreador apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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Burning up the dance floor Full time student, full time mom UMI presents dance lessons to feed romanticism

By JORDAN EICHER STAFF WRITER

and the bachata presented in three two-hour lessons by student group Unidos por un Mismo Idioma.

Monday night was an intense crash course of the salsa, beginning with the technical basics and finalizing with the sex appeal of more advanced steps. The salsa was followed by Tuesday's lesson of the faster, more rhythmic merengue.

Many of the participants said they had very little experience before the lesson, but that what they did have pushed them to want to learn more.

"I like to dance salsa, and I've been taking lessons, so as a new dancer I want to expand my techniques, so that when I go to a real event with a date, I will feel comfortable enough to show off my moves," Obed Hernandez, a freshman chemical engineering major from El Paso, said. "It is also really embarrassing to me that I am Hispanic and I can't dance to Latin music, so I made it my New Year's resolution to learn."

a senior architecture major from El Paso, said he thought the dances were especially valuable to male students.

involved in dancing," he said. "There relieve stress. are a lot of women out there who

Latin dances the salsa, the merengue aren't enough guys, so I think this feel that it is working because

It is also really embarrassing to me that I am Hispanic and I can't dance to Latin music, so I made it my New Year's resolution to learn. - OBED HERNANDEZ

FRESHMAN CHEMICAL **ENGINEERING MAJOR**

could be that turn-on effect for a lot Class instructor Gilbert Lopez, of guys, and they should really take chata for its sensuality," he said. advantage of that."

> Lopez has been dancing for five years and said one of the major

"I really want to get more males reasons he continues the art is to

"Now I'm trying to give that Couples take to the floor to learn want to dance but can't because there back by teaching it," he said. "I they are all talking and laughing."

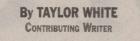
Yesenia Blanco, a sophomore English major from Canadian. agreed and said she definitely walked away from the lessons with just a little more Latin rhythm in her step.

"I definitely improved," she said. "It was so much fun, and it was a workout for sure, especially if you are in heels."

Tonight will be the final Latin dance lesson of the bachata. Participants need not have come to the previous two lessons to participate in this fresh tutorial. The lesson will occur in the first floor Rotunda room of the Business Administration building and is free to students, but the UMI will take donations to cover costs.

Lopez said knowledge of the Bachata particularly is desired currently.

"People want to learn the Ba-"(It is) definitely a good dance for the romantic." ➡ jordan.eicher@ttu.edu



Lenard decides to reward him with if I need to go to the library." three toy cars.

hands, continuously asking mommy to "open please," but mommy says no, because they must pay for the cars before they are opened.

Jayden becomes impatient with his mother and throws the toys across the aisle. He is told if he doesn't behave he won't get any right." toys, but this is not good enough for Jayden, and he begins to scream.

"Everyone kept looking at me," she said, "but he needs to know throwing a temper tantrum won't get him anywhere."

challenge of being a parent, and tough, Lenard says it is a rewarding the money in the world.' experience.

Eagle Lake getting her master's degree in counseling and education, said one of the biggest challenges about being a student and parent enthusiasm. is learning how to balance her time and stay organized.

she gets her school work done, work enough to pay the bills and spend time with her son.

"I have to make sure I spend enough time with him," she said. "It's trying to balance everything equal opportunity."

a student without a child because, and studies. before she had her son, she could go as well.

"I can't do anything at the drop of a hat if I need to," she said, as you become a parent," she said. she explained her extra-curricular activities before she was a mom.

class.

Lenard said when Jayden was sick stroller and take him to class with on."

her, but now it is more difficult.

anything, if I have a project to do or when she someday is encouraging Pushing her 2-year-old son need to do a research paper, I have to her to go to college. Jayden through Wal-Mart, Natalie find a babysitter," Lenard said, "even

He excitedly holds the cars in his Lenard said there also are rewards. going back to school. When describing the benefits of having a child, she said everything doing what she wants, when she was great.

"It's knowing that you've produced this person that is thriving ing and taking care of her family. and succeeding," Lenard said. "You

Charissa Barber, a junior nursing major from Dallas, said her life took an astronomy class one serevolves around her family, which is different from students without several nighttime labs she did not spouses or children.

"My husband and I don't have For Lenard, this is just another the luxury of last-minute decisions factor is how Texas Tech does not to go see a movie or grab dinner," she provide any form of child care for even though trying to juggle par- said. "It can be challenging at times, students. enting, school and work can be but I wouldn't trade my life for all of

Lenard, a graduate student from important it is to make time for her same opportunities regardless if you daughter and her marriage.

"This sounds simple, but it is harder than you think," she said with

When describing a typical day, Barber made sure to mention all the She said she has to make sure activities she and her husband dotogether with their daughter.

> family," she said. "After Kennedy that can help. goes to bed, Matt, my husband and I clean up and spend time together."

She said her advice to other - make sure everything gets an students with children is to keep their priorities straight because it is site, the program offers child care Lenard said she is different from vital to balance children, marriage

out when she wanted, but now she children should enjoy their time or participate in job training. has to think about another person because having children is a big responsibility.

"Your whole life changes when

Tiffany Houston, a junior Education major from Cotton Center, said She said she is different from she went back to school after being a most students when it come to stay-at-home mom because having a degree is important to her.

as a baby, she could put him in his said, "I have something to fall back

Houston said she wants to be "Now it's like, if I need to do a good example for her daughter

"I have to be more structured and have a schedule," said Houston, Although there are struggles, describing her biggest change after

She said she had been used to wants, but now Houston has to manage her time to fit school, study-

Houston said one frustrating know you have done something aspect of going back to school is when classes require more outside work than expected. She said she mester and was required to go to anticipate.

She said another frustrating

Stacy Johnson, director of the Tech Child Development Research Barber said she's learned how Center, said the program offers the are a student, faculty member or part of the community.

"Really, nowhere in our mission is to provide campus child care," she said. "Our primary goal of the CDRC is lab and research."

While providing child care is not part of the CDRC's responsibility, 'We cook dinner and eat as a Johnson said there are organizations

> She said Child Care Services offers financial help to students and employees.

According to the CCS Web services for children younger than 13 whose parents meet income Barber said students without guidelines and work, attend school

Lenard said Tech helps out students who are parents in different ways.

She said when she fills out her scholarship forms and states that she has a child, people want to help her.

"Tech is really willing to work with you if you have a child," she "One day when I need it," she said, "and are continuing your education."

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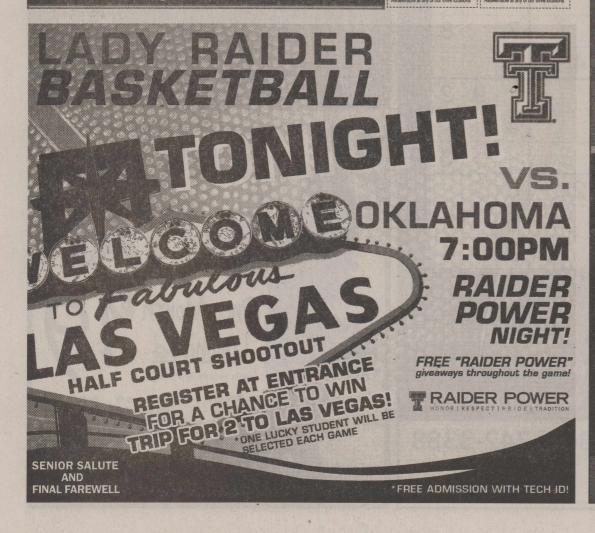




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ORLANDO ESPINO, A junior international business major from Burnet, and Erika Lux, a senior psychology major from Cedar Hill, practice Salsa dance steps in the Business Administration Rotunda where dance lessons were provided by Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Monday.





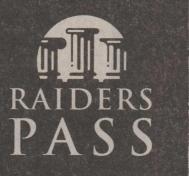
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Tech heads on the road aiming to sweep A&M

SPORTS

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

of the Big 12 Conference begins son in College Station 77-75, also have more to do with attitude with a team that may need a win when A&M was No. 6. more than the Red Raiders.

team trying to

break a threegame losing streak at 7 p.m. today in College Station.

The Red Raiders will attempt to sweep the Aggies for the secondstraight year, but the recent success against A&M (20-7, 6-6) does not make it any easier for Tech.

"We beat them twice last year," said John Roberson, Tech freshman guard,

the 2006-07 season. "(Tech) went season. The Oklahoma State and in their house and beat them. It Nebraska losses occurred at home was a tough game, so we know for the Aggies, while the Texas it's going to be another tough loss took place in Austin. game. We just gotta bring our 'A' game."

swept the Aggies in two close and the OSU loss, 50 against Texas competitive games when A&M and 59 against Nebraska. A&M

70-68 when A&M was ranked No. points. 6 and followed that win with a Texas Tech's push to the top buzzer-beater win by Jarrius Jack-

This season, Tech already The Red Raiders (15-11, 6-6 has a win over A&M when the the game for the passion you have Colorado, so I'm sure they feel in Big 12) will face a Texas A&M Aggies were ranked No. 9 in the for it and the love you have for it," nation.

Since then,

Tech will

the makeup of

both teams has

his resume.

in its last three

Aggies drop-

ping out of

changed.

If you pull out a couple big wins now, that really looks good on your so-called resume for any of the postseason.

> - PAT KNIGHT **TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL COACH**

the AP Top who was not on the team during 25 rankings for the first time this

In these three games, A&M averaged 54.3 points per game. In the 2006-07 season, Tech The Aggies scored 54 points in was ranked in the Top 10 both has won one game this season

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times. Tech defeated the Aggies where it scored less than 60 of a shot - or they'd really be

said the Aggies' recent problems than anything else.

he said. "Usually that will loosen you up. Things haven't gone well. (We) haven't shot the ball well. We put a lot of pressure on our defense, and our defense quite frankly hasn't been good enough head into either. (It) puts a lot of pressure College Sta- on each possession. Hopefully tion with new we just keep plugging and just last five games. coach Pat try to figure it out and hopefully Knight at the we'll play a little bit more relaxed heading into the final month of helm, who has and play better on both ends the regular season, Knight said three wins on (today)."

Tech is entering today's game for his team to make a run. A&M has lost on a two-game winning streak in conference: a feat the Red Raiders wins now, that really looks good to Oklahoma had trouble completing earlier in on your so-called resume for any State, Texas and Nebraska the season.

contests, re- is a team with more confidence at everything, especially what sulting in the these days, and he said he believes you do the last month. If we put if the Red Raiders had beat Okla- together some good games here, homa on Feb. 16, their confidence it will really help us.' would be higher.

buzzer that Oklahoma had a heck 🏓 adam.coleman@ttu.edu

coming in on a winning-streak," A&M coach Mark Turgeon he said. "They're playing well - a little bit more loose offensively - but a very confident team right now and they should be. They "You gotta get back to playing won their last road game also, at better about going on the road."

Key players for Tech during the last few games include guards Alan Voskuil and Martin Zeno.

Voskuil has scored 20 or more points in three of the last four games, including a career-high 30 points against Kansas State. Zeno has scored in double digits in his

With his team playing well there is no better time than now

"If you pull out a couple big of the postseason," he said. "The Turgeon said he realizes Tech NCAA (and) the NIT is looking

Tech's game against A&M is "(Tech) lost a game at the scheduled to air on ESPN Plus.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH HEADS into College Station today hoping to earn a fourth-straight win aginst Texas A&M. The Aggies are losers of their last three games.

Tech baseball heads to Albuquerque

By BEN MAKI SPORTS EDITOR

tournament in San Antonio, the Texas Tech baseball team is back on the road to face New Mexico at 4 p.m. today at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, N.M.

season.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he is he struck out one. not satisfied completely with the team's having to scramble to schedule those games.

Classic on short notice after the team the Red Raiders were scheduled to face, Northern Illinois, cancelled the series After spending the weekend at a in light of the shootings that killed five people and the gunman Feb. 14 on its campus in Dekalb, Ill.

Tech associate head coach Dan Spencer said pitcher Russ Fornea will Tech (2-2) is in the middle of get the start against the 4-0 Lobos. Foran eight-game road trip to start the nea pitched 1.3 innings against Army Saturday, giving up no hits, no runs, and

'The team's going to be back there record through the weekend, despite to back me up, and I'm just going to go out there and do the best I can to bring home a W," Fornea said. "To get out there against Army, and get the first part of adrenaline (when) you're just so excited to get out there it just bothers you and you can't settle down out of the way, I'll be able to settle down and to go to work





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"We're not happy with 2-2," Hays said. "We're happy to get the games in. We kind of felt like we let one get away that we had a chance to win. We just didn't play defense all the time."

Tech entered the UTSA Baseball the way I know I can."

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Tech has scored an average of 9.5 runs per game this season, including scoring seven runs in the first inning of the game against Army and 10 runs in the first inning against UTSA.

"When you score runs early, a (pitcher) can relax and get in the zone and throw strikes early," Spencer said. "The key is to, as a pitching staff and as a team, not to lose your edge when you get a big lead. Finish the game strong, close people out and do those things right."

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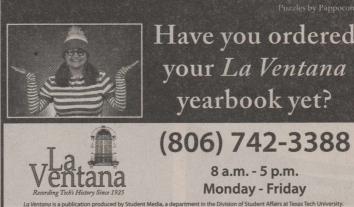
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TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Roger Kieschnick and the Red Raiders will head to Albuquerque, N.M. today to face the Lobos.

gan four losses last weekend, scoring an average of 11 runs per game and allowing an average of 5.25 runs per contest. Hays said though Tech is 9-1 against New Mexico since the beginning of the 2005 season, the games are intense, and he just wants the team to pick up some wins through this stretch of road games.

"Once we get past this schedule that's overwhelming us right now, moving it back a day and all this travel that we're having to do here," he said, "I'd just like to get through next Sunday in good shape and not drop too many games because of it."

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SPORTS

Lady Raiders face Oklahoma on Senior Night Houston's Yao out for season

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of this season, the only Lady Raider basketball player return there in her final season.

Although Texas Tech sits tied for and passion." eighth place in the Big 12 Conference said if Tech can win the rest of its Big loss since 1990. 12 schedule and add some victories in the Big 12 Tournament, a chance against OU, said she believes Tech has remains of making the big dance.

"That would just be awesome," she said. "The NCAA Tournament, every day, that's what you come here score, defend and rebound better." to do. You don't come here to be mediocre."

home game for the Lady Raiders when December. they meet No. 10 Oklahoma at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

a really long time. I'm ready to go out 10 of its next 12 games this season. there and experience it. It should be fun; hopefully we win."

and 5.6 rebounds per game, started the first 21 games of the season but game losing skid.

However, Myrick will return to ous three games. her starting role for the first time since Feb. 2, when Tech lost to Texas A&M of handling the physicality," Curry

63-46 at the United Spirit Arena.

and did as good a job as she possibly tougher mencould do with so many new faces," Curry said of Myrick's role on a young cally, so I've with experience in the NCAA Tour- team. "It's tough to have that much really respected nament talked about finding a way to on your shoulders, being one senior. the way she's She's handled it with a lot of pride responded to

The last time Tech (16-11, 4-9) Obviously she's standings, senior center Erin Myrick played Oklahoma, it received its worst been more pro-

Curry, who is 0-5 in her career of it.' matured enough since the 78-39 loss 10-3) has won to give a better effort against OU.

"I really haven't thought too much 10 games, with you get treated so special when you about what we didn't do, but I know the latest comgo. I know what it's like to be there, what we need to do," Curry said. "I ing against and I want my teammates to experi- think you can only turn a negative Oklahoma State ence that with me. I think about that into a positive. We obviously need to Sunday in Nor-

With wins against Nebraska and Kansas, the Lady Raiders won back- ing AP Na-Myrick will play in her last career to-back games for the first time since tional Player of

The wins have restored a new level Courtney Paris, of confidence in the Lady Raiders, and leads OU with "I'm really excited," she said. "This the last four wins have revitalized a 18 points per has been marked on my calendar for team that started 12-1 before dropping game, 14.8 re-

"If we can bottle up the experi- and 3.3 blocks ence of the last week and have some per game, while Myrick, who averages 9.8 points momentum heading into this week," Curry said.

Tech's leading scorer, forward ages 12 points and 8.1 rebounds per has since come off the bench because Dominic Seals, has averaged 16.7 game, and is beginning to share some that's around," she said. "Nobody likes of coach Kristy Curry's attempt to find points per game in her last four games, of the spotlight with her sister. a working rotation during a recent five an improvement when compared to her nine points per game in the previ- has combined for 36 points and 24 all that goes away and everything is

"She's really risen to the challenge from the field.

said. "She's "Erin inherited eight new faces gotten a lot tally and physithe challenge. ductive because

> OU (20-5, nine of its last man. The reign-

the Year, junior TEXAS TECH'S DOMINIC Seals attempts a layup bounds per game against Nebraska Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

her twin sister is not far behind.

On the season, Ashley Paris aver-

rebounds while shooting 59 percent good, but you know it could change

Myrick said none of the Lady Raid- Maniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

ers want to see their restored momentum disappear any time soon.

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"Everyone loves that positivity to come in and say, 'Oh my God, an-In the month of February, the duo other day,' So when you're winning, like that.

HOUSTON (AP) - All-Star and I don't want to know either," center Yao Ming is out for the he said. season with a stress fracture in his surging Houston Rockets.

made the announcement Tuesday, into the building. hours before the Rockets put Wizards.

son, averaging 22 points and 10.8 there and you just feel alone." rebounds per game.

tor Tom Clanton said. "I've made tering Tuesday's game. the recommendation that it be deed what should be done."

it together. The second option make the playoffs this year." would be to treat it with a cast volve a healing time of about four team has been playing so well. months.

heavily on him though.

"If I cannot play in the Olymto right now," he said.

would affect his fans in China. "I don't want to try, actually didn't improve.

Coach Rick Adelman and Morey left foot, a stunning blow to the told the team before Tuesday's shootaround. Yao said it was a difficult day

General manager Daryl Morey for him from the moment he walked "When coach tells everybody I their 12-game winning streak on am out for the season, everybody the line against the Washington is like quiet," he said. "That kind of quietness makes me feel kind of

Yao was having a terrific sea- scared, it was quiet like nobody was Morey said he doesn't believe the

"It is not an injury we feel he injury compromises Houston's playoff can play with," Rockets team doc- hopes. The Rockets were 36-20 en-

"We've been playing exceptional treated surgically and we are work- ball and Yao's been a huge part of ing with him to get other opinions that," Morey said. "We feel very conjust to be certain that that is in- fident about our playoff push. We've managed to step up and play well If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton without Yao in the past and coaches said, it would involve placing and players feel confident that we're screws across the bone to hold going to continue to play well and

Morey acknowledged that it was and crutches. Both options in- difficult news to receive when the

"It's a pretty big swing from a high Clanton would not say when to a low, with how we were play-Yao could play again, but said he ing," Morey said. "We feel like our doesn't expect the center to miss supporting cast is superior to when the Beijing Olympics in August. we played without Yao in the past. - That possibility is weighing We remain ready for the challenge ahead."

Clanton said there was no spepics for my country this time, it cific event that led to the injury, but will be the biggest loss in my career rather an "accumulation of stresses on the bone. Yao first experienced He doesn't even want to think soreness and pain in his ankle before about how his absence in the game the All-Star game and tests were done Monday when the situation

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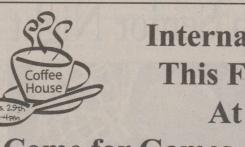
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Business Administration 202

Feed Your Body Fair Thursday, February 28 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Outdoor Pursuits Center is now hiring for the Trip Program and Climbing Center

This is your chance to join the Outdoor Pursuits Center. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, at 4:00 P.M. at the OPC for those seeking more information. The Outdoor Pursuits staff positions are available in the rental and trip programs as well as the Climbing Center. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a learning experience in outdoor recreation and leadership. Qualified applicants don't necessarily need outdoor trip or climbing experience but have an ability to lead people with various backgrounds, teach different activities, a good work ethic, and have a positive sense of humor. Stop by our office or call 742-3351 / 742-2949 for more information.



Mar. 8, 8am-noon

Intramurals



THE ROAD TO THE SPIRIT ARENA BEGINS THUR. FEB 28th

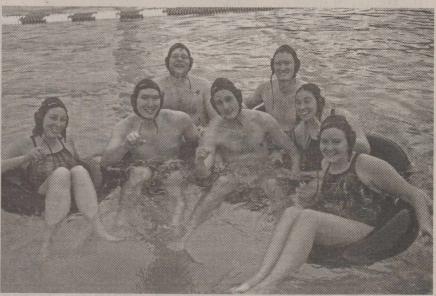
Intramural basketball playoffs begin Thursday, February 28th at the Student Rec Center. Schedules will be ready today after 2pm. All teams that earned enough sportsmanship points are eligible for the playoffs. Stop by the Intramural Office (Room 203) or check out the brackets on the web (www.recsports.ttu.edu). Good luck to all the teams.

Calling All Badminton Players!

Intramural badminton is here! You can register now through March 5. Play will be the week of March 10. Sign up in Rm. 203 on the second floor of the Rec Center!



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Amazing Spring Break Race Wednesday, March 5 Teams of 2 compete in 6 challenges. Check out www.recsports.ttu.edu for more info!

Outdoor Pursuits Center There are three great trips still available over spring break! Get signed up now! Wilderness First Responder Reg. by Mar. 12 \$495 Southwest Rock Climbing Reg. by Mar. 6 \$285 Eastern US Kayaking Tour Reg. by Mar. 6 \$350



Stroke Mechanics and Flip Turn Clinics

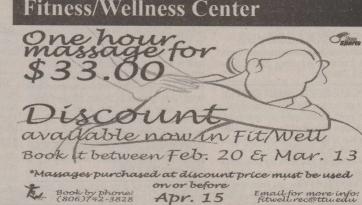
Are you having problems with one of your strokes or your flip turns? Try one of our free stroke mechanic and flip turns clinics. No pre-registration is necessary! Sunday, March 9 from 1 - 3PM

Cross Lifeguard courses. This course teaches Lifeguards the most effective methods to train and certify students as Lifeguards. Cost is \$140 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$150 for the community (includes the Instructor book and all certification costs). The student must also have a copy of the student text.

Session 1: March 5th – April 23rd 5-10pm

5,000 Meter Swim

This event is designed to test your personal limits. The swim is free and T-shirts are available for purchase. (Yes! We count the laps for you!) Saturday, March 1st 9-11:45 am



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otterness and is loosely based on our wascot, the wasked rider.

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activities

Movie - I Am Legend Wednesday, March 5 SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

Matinee Movie - I Am Legend Thursday, March 6 SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

Texas Hold 'em Tournament -- Co-sponsored by Collegiate Entertainment Thursday, March 6-Sunday, March 9 SUB Ballroom and Matador Room Times Vary

Dating Dr. Dave Coleman --- The Real Life Hitcl Monday, March 10 SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

After Hours -- Open Mic Night Tuesday, March 11 SUB Matador Room | 7:00 pm

student organization update ...

S.O. Registration Meeting Wednesday, February 27 SUB Playa Room | 2 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to register your student organization for 2007-2008