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STATE

Texas recalls items from plant over salmonella

DALLAS (AP) — Texas health officials ordered the recall Thursday of peanut products from a plant operated by the company at the center of a national salmonella outbreak, days after tests indicated the likely presence of the bacteria there.

All products ever shipped from the Peanut Corp. of America plant in Plainview were recalled after the Texas Department of State Health Services said it found dead rodents, rodent excrement and bird feathers in a crawl space above a production area on Wednesday.

NATION

Commerce secretary nominee withdraws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying "I made a mistake," Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire abruptly withdrew as commerce secretary nominee on Thursday and left the fledgling White House suddenly coping with Barack Obama's third Cabinet withdrawal.

Gregg cited "irresolvable conflicts" with Obama's policies, specifically mentioning the \$790 billion economic stimulus bill and 2010 census in a statement released without warning by his Senate office.

WORLD

Hamas: Agreement reached on truce

CAIRO (AP) — The deputy leader of Hamas said Thursday night that the Islamic militant group agreed to an 18-month truce with Israel for the Gaza Strip, the official Egyptian news agency reported.

Moussa Abu Marzouk told MENA that Egypt's government, which has been mediating between Hamas and Israel, would announce the truce in two days after consulting with other Palestinian factions.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's office said the Israeli government had no comment on the report.

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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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Israeli party holds parliamentary edge

By MARK LAVIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Kadima Party of moderate Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni kept its slight lead over Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party in final parliamentary election results announced Thursday, but the hard-line Likud bloc in Israel's new parliament still will have the power to stymie Mideast peace efforts.

Kadima will get 28 seats in the 120-seat parliament and Likud 27, far less than the 61-seat majority needed to govern alone. Livni and Netanyahu are already hard at work trying to line up potential partners for a governing coalition.

Israel's Election Commission

released the final results after counting votes by soldiers, prisoners and diplomats, about 100,000 out of a total of 3.3 million cast. The additional votes did not change the allocation of parliament seats tallied after the Tuesday election.

The hawkish bloc headed by Likud — including the new No. 3 party, Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu — controls 65 seats, giving Netanyahu the edge in coalition building. But each party has its own agenda, and getting them all to sit around the same Cabinet table is far from automatic.

Both Livni and Netanyahu are promoting the idea of a joint "national unity" government. In the most likely scenario, Netanyahu would be prime minister while Kadima would

hold key government ministries like finance, defense or foreign affairs.

Together, Kadima and Likud would approach a parliamentary majority, reducing the bargaining power of the smaller factions as potential coalition members.

That could undercut Lieberman, whose party won 15 seats and supplanted the once dominant Labor Party as the third-biggest political group. He wants to redraw Israel's borders to push areas with heavy concentrations of Israeli Arabs under Palestinian jurisdiction. Arabs who remained would be forced to sign a loyalty oath to the Jewish state to keep the right to vote or run for office.

But the hawkish makeup of the new parliament — and Netanyahu's

own opposition to peace treaty talks with the Palestinians — could stall efforts to negotiate an accord. That could put the new government into conflict with the U.S., where President Barack Obama has pledged to put Mideast peacemaking high on his agenda.

Last month Obama sent a special Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, on his first tour of the region. Mitchell is on record as favoring talks on a peace treaty and opposing expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Netanyahu disagrees on both issues.

Thursday evening, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas urged Israel's incoming leaders to press ahead with peace efforts. He told a Christian gathering in Ramallah

that Israel must stop settlement expansion and construction of the security barrier dividing Israel from the West Bank.

Israel should "accept the two-state solution — Palestine and Israel living side by side in security and peace," Abbas said.

The election results will be published in the official government journal next Wednesday, and then the formal clock starts ticking toward formation of a new Israeli government.

The process starts with President Shimon Peres consulting the 12 parties to hear their recommendations about who should become prime minister. Peres will pick the candidate he believes has the best chance of forming a government.

CROSS WITH CARE

Students mugged on pedestrian bridge, Tech police heighten security

By MATT COBB
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In response to several muggings on the pedestrian bridge near Jones AT&T Stadium, the Texas Tech Police Department and Texas Department of Transportation have devised solutions to keep students safer when crossing the bridge.

Tech's police force is heightening its patrol around the pedestrian bridge that runs next to Jones AT&T Stadium after several muggings occurred there last semester, and TxDOT will be placing a new pedestrian lighting system near the bridge.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said three Tech students were robbed toward the end of last semester on or around the pedestrian walkway that runs from the football stadium parking lot to the north side of Fourth Street. No injuries were reported and no incidents have been reported this semester.

The confrontations occurred late in the evening, he said. Tech's police force is monitoring the area more closely this semester to prevent future incidents from occurring.

"We're having officers increase their patrol around the bridge so there is more visibility," Seacrist said.

In conjunction with an effort to make the police force's presence more known, he said a Tech police patrol car occasionally will stay parked near the north side of the bridge and bicycle patrolmen will visit the area more frequently.

"Any time there is a problem area," he said, "we will try to hone in on those locations."



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

SHRIPAD AND SHRIDUTT Vijayakuma, both graduate students in electrical engineering from India, walk on the pedestrian bridge Thursday over the Marsha Sharp Freeway near Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech's police department is working with the university's department of Facilities Planning and Construction to put a Blue Light Phone near the bridge, Seacrist said. The light would have a phone that connects directly to Tech police in case of an emergency.

The muggings occurred on the north side of the bridge where there is not

much lighting because of construction, Seacrist said. The south side of the bridge is well-lit because of the football stadium and the parking lot.

Will Barnett, an assistant area engineer of the Lubbock District of TxDOT, said two non-operational luminaries are located within the vicinity of the bridge, which will be activated some-

time in the next two months.

One of the luminaries is located on the south side of the bridge in front of the football stadium's ticket booth, and the other is located on the north side of the bridge directly across from the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, he said.

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Bond set for suspects in 35 Lubbock-area robberies

By SARAH REIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Bond was set Wednesday for three suspected burglars of 35 homes in the last month.

Michael Edward Gray, 23, of Shallowater, Abundil Barboza Jr., 21, of Abernathy, and Enrique Cuvillier, 23, of Abernathy, were arrested Tuesday at about 1:30 p.m. after a high-speed car chase, said Capt. Antonio Menchaca of the Lubbock sheriff's office.

Bond has been set at \$100,000 for burglary of habitation and an ad-

ditional \$10,000 for Barboza, the driver of the vehicle in the high-speed chase, according to a spokesperson with the magistrate's office.

Menchaca said large numbers of home burglaries were reported in the northwest part of Lubbock County and in northeast Hockley County beginning about a month ago.



BARBOZA

There were elements that connected these burglaries, making them unique, Menchaca said.

The majority of the burglaries occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The front door was kicked in, similar footprints were found in the homes, and the homes' refrigerators were robbed.

The burglars broke into another Lubbock home Tuesday while the owner was



GRAY

in the house, he said. After seeing the woman, it is suspected they fled to Lynn County.

The men were identified while coming back into Lubbock County Tuesday afternoon, Menchaca said.

Officials attempted to take them into custody, which turned into a high-speed chase. The suspects surrendered before their vehicle ran into a spike



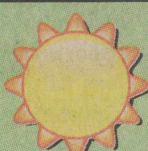
CUVILLIER

strip provided by the Department of Public Safety. No one was injured in the pursuit.

The men are suspected of stealing items from 35 homes, including hand tools, electronics, guns and jewelry, Menchaca said. Officials also suspect that Barboza is AWOL from service in the military.

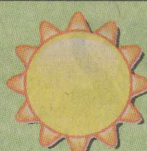
He said the suspects were successful because no one was home at the time of the burglary. The burglaries are believed to have been random, based on the sheriff department's investigator's findings.

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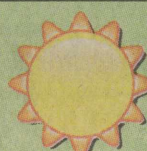
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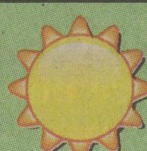
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Five-year plan to help reduce cardiovascular disease

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The leading cause of death during the last 10 years in Texas has been cardiovascular disease, which is one reason the Texas Department of State Health Services is working with Lubbock health officials in the Texas Plan to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

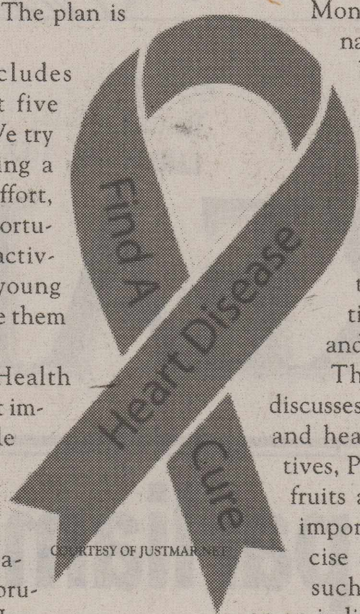
Emily Palmer, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, said the five-year plan is designed to offer cardiovascular disease prevention and risk and management information to Texas cities like Lubbock, which will implement the suggestions in the most ap-

propriate manner. The plan is in its second year.

"Our plan includes goals for the next five years," she said. "We try to focus on creating a community wide effort, creating more opportunities for physical activity and help for young people to encourage them to be active."

The Lubbock Health Department was not immediately available for comment.

According to the American Heart Association Web site, February is American Heart



Month. The designation is meant to bring awareness to cardiovascular disease, including stroke, through providing information about treatment options, prevention and risk factors. The report also discusses less expensive and healthier alternatives, Palmer said, like fruits and grains, the importance of exercise and the effects such actions have on an individual's cardio-

vascular health.

"College students in particular should definitely be concerned about heart health," she said. "The report itself doesn't address college students specifically, but bad choices now will impact them later, and it's really an issue of having a quality life in the long run."

Palmer said college students can ensure cardiovascular health by eating well, getting enough sleep, exercising and not smoking.

Annette Boles, associate director of education at the Texas Tech Garrison Institute of Aging, said exercise is particularly important when considering cardiovascular health.

Get Fit Lubbock, a program offered by the Tech Health Sciences Center, was recognized by the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke in February 2008, Boles said.

"Our program was recognized for the amount of community involvement we had and the sense of community we provided," Boles said. "We had a very large community turnout last year, and we hope for even more in April when our next program begins."

Jessica Kirk, a student coordinator for Fit Tech, said establishing an exercise community is an essential tool for ensuring cardiovascular health, especially in college.

"It is very important to keep

your heart in good shape," she said, "especially for college students, because the damage they do now will hurt them later in life."

Kirk said cardiovascular issues arise for college students later in life due to excessive stress, alcohol consumption and fried foods, which can be combated through a healthy diet and exercise.

"Stress, alcohol and fried foods are all damaging to the heart because they build up a fatty layer around the heart which can lead to serious complications," she said. "Avoiding these factors and exercising regularly allow the heart to pump blood normally and prevents the fatty layer from forming around the heart."

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\$790 million stimulus package headed for House vote Friday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reluctant to call it quits, key lawmakers bargained into overtime Thursday on the \$790 billion economic stimulus legislation before reaching final agreement more than 24 hours after first announcing a deal.

Lingering controversy over school-modernization money and a scaled-back tax break for businesses forced a delay in final votes on the legislation.

But by nightfall, with Democratic leaders eager for final passage by the weekend, all issues were reported settled. House leaders announced a vote for Friday, with the Senate to follow later in the day or over the weekend.

Republicans, lined up to vote against the bill, piled on the scorn. "This is not the smart approach," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of

Kentucky, the Republican leader. "The taxpayers of today and tomorrow will be left to clean up the mess."

President Barack Obama delivered what has become a daily call for congressional action, this time from the industrial heartland. With approval of the bill, he said in Peoria, Ill., companies "may be able to start growing again. Rather than cutting jobs, they may be able to create them again."

He spoke at Caterpillar Inc., the heavy machinery giant that has announced 22,000 layoffs. The president has said in recent days the company has promised to rescind some of them once the stimulus passes, but Chief Executive Jim Owens said there probably would be more layoffs before that can occur.

War crimes overshadow peace talks

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Darfur rebels and Sudan government officials exchanged blame for undermining three-day-old peace talks, which were overshadowed Thursday by fighting over a Darfur town and the prospect of an imminent international arrest warrant against Sudan's president for alleged war crimes.

The talks hosted by Qatar are the first such one-on-one meeting between the Sudanese government and Darfur's strongest group of ethnic African rebels, the Justice and Equality Movement. It was also the first round of peace talks between any rebels and the government since the last negotiations founded in 2007.

Other Darfur rebel groups are not attending the talks, which began Tuesday

with the aim of sealing a cease-fire and setting a framework for negotiations on a peace deal.

Up to 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have been forced from their homes in Darfur's war, which began after rebel groups complaining of discrimination and neglect took up arms against the Arab-led government in 2003.

But the talks were shaken Thursday by reports that the Hague-based International Criminal Court will soon issue a warrant against President Omar al-Bashir, whom court prosecutors accuse of war crimes for allegedly masterminding genocide against Darfur's ethnic Africans. Al-Bashir denies the charges

City council considers November bond election

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Financial topics dominated Thursday's Lubbock City Council meeting, including talk of the next city bond election and a revolving line of credit for the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance.

Linda DeLeon, District 1 representative, said the city council deliberated a potential November 2009 bond election, which could consist of a maximum of \$65 million worth of bond proposals.

Money for road repairs to 34th Street and 82nd Street are among the possible proposals. If voters choose to vote in favor of a potential \$65 million worth on bonds, it would increase property taxes by about 5 cents on average.

Patrick Aten, an assistant to the city council, said the cap was determined by the council's interest of keeping an increase in City of Lubbock property taxes to a minimum.

"The council didn't want an open-ended cap," Aten said. "The council knows whether it asks for \$1 or \$65 million that there will be an increase in property taxes. So, they said, 'We're going to limit it to a nickel.'"

Andy Turner, the president of the 34th Street Association and



president of Lubbock-based People's Bank, said he was pleased that 34th Street could be a recipient of the possible November bond election.

Earlier this year, the council voted not to have a May bond election despite local residents' complaints about the road conditions on 34th Street.

"We've been working with the city council for a while," Turner said. "We're very pleased city council has opened itself for discussion for a much needed project."

DeLeon said the council also unanimously approved the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance's delivery of a promissory note to American State Bank in return for a line of revolving credit.

LEDA is under the control of the city government, she said, and

therefore it cannot act on its own without council approval.

On Wednesday, Gary Lawrence, the president and CEO of LEDA, said LEDA was in no economic danger and a revolving line of credit is something LEDA would like to be able to utilize if funds are needed in the future.

Lawrence said LEDA has only used its revolving line of credit once in the four years it has possessed it. "I think it's critical (for LEDA)," DeLeon said. "Sometimes they have to make large incentives to offer companies to move to Lubbock."

On Wednesday, John Leonard, District 5 representative, said the city has no financial liability if LEDA is unable to repay a loan it takes out.

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Winds knock out power to thousands on East Coast

(AP) — Wild winds with gusts topping 65 mph blew from the Great Lakes to the East Coast on Thursday, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of customers, disrupting travel and killing at least five people.

The high winds, attributed to a strong low pressure system, started Wednesday night and moved east overnight, kicking up gravel

and sand from construction sites and hurling garbage cans onto busy New York City streets on Thursday.

"I got more sand in my eyes than a beach, and I almost got blown over backwards," said electrician Michael Lazzaro, who ducked into a bar on his way home from work in New York.

Utilities such as Jersey Cen-

tral Power & Light in New Jersey reported downed power lines from wind-snapped trees. About 250,000 customers remained without power Thursday in Pennsylvania, and 140,000 more in Ohio. There were also about 109,000 outages in West Virginia, 14,900 in Michigan and nearly 14,000 in New Jersey.

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In addition to the two luminaries, TxDOT plans to establish a new pedestrian lighting system, Barnett said. The new system is meant to supplement the two lights that are already located near the bridge.

"We've designed a pedestrian lighting system for that walkway," he said. "It'll have between 14 and 15 luminaries and will run from Detroit to Boston."

TxDOT still is waiting on bids for contractors for the lighting project, Bar-

nett said, but construction should begin in late March or early April this year.

"We got (the lighting system) designed two weeks ago," he said, "but there is about a six-week wait time to get the lights and construction supplies."

Arindam Mazumdar, the Tech Student Government Association's vice president for Graduate and Professional Affairs, said the SGA tries to encourage students to utilize the university's night shuttle service to avoid the risk of walking alone at night.

The shuttle service transports Tech

students to different locations around campus, he said. The shuttle also makes stops at several of the apartment complexes that surround the campus.

"We have the night shuttle that starts at 7 p.m.," Mazumdar said, "so we recommend that to students."

Secrest said if students choose to walk home alone, it is important to be aware of one's surroundings.

"It's important to travel in groups," he said. "Traveling by yourself at night is not a great idea."

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CORRECTION

In the article titled "Stations plan to make early DTV transition" in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, several quotes were mistakenly attributed to Suddenlink Communications spokesman Skip Ogle.

Ogle, a director with the company, did not say the company was not a partner in the advertising campaign and also did not express surprise at people who "have not done anything to prepare for the upcoming transition."

Instead, Ogle said Suddenlink runs company- and government-produced Public Service Announcements about the transition on every channel they control.

He also said customers of the company are not required to make any preparations. Suddenlink Communications already is equipped for the transition, and now it is up to the broadcasting companies to make the final transition.

The transition was implemented by a federal government policy, he said, and was not done to benefit cable companies, as may have been implied in the story, which was authored by a contributing writer in a College of Mass Communications reporting class.

The DT regrets the error.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Gender equality causes chivalry confusion

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Chivalry has become a thing of the past, and it may have been the modern, independent woman that killed it.

When Mary Ann Edwards enrolled at Texas Tech in the fall of 1970, women were struggling to become more independent and establish equality with men.

"When I was a student here," she said, "I saw men show women certain courtesies."

Society was more male-oriented in that day, she said, and males were expected to show respect to women.

Edwards, who now teaches journalism, said the dynamics between genders has since changed.

"I think I see more friendships," she said of men and women on campus today, "just true friendships between the sexes versus it being a sexual thing. I think it's a lot more even now."

Edwards said she can tell some of the students she encounters on campus have been taught more manners than others and continue to act upon the way they were brought up.

Feminist visual culture in-

structor Nola Richards said chivalry on campus has disappeared in some ways because of a lack of instruction or conflicting instructions about how to be chivalrous.

"Some men have learned from grandparents," she said, "then (they learn) how dad treats mom, then what they learn in the locker room."

Richards said confusion has ensued from the mixture of influences on treatment of the opposite sex.

"Women don't know if chivalry should be on the agenda," she said, "and men in turn think it should fall to the wayside."

Women seeking independence and equality for the past several decades have been a threat to the traditional roles of males, Richards said, but the "goodness of heart" has not been lost despite male confusion about how to treat the opposite sex.

"I'm surprised by the men in my class," she said. "They want to be respectful and generous to women, they just don't know how to be."

While women enrolled in Richards' class aren't always looking for chivalry in the opposite sex, she said they seem to all look for someone who is a



ILLUSTRATION BY MATT GROSS/The Daily Toreador

"gentleman."

When the independent attitude in women emerged, Richards said it discouraged men from showing women certain courtesies.

However, Richards said, the attitude of today's generation

of young men and women has changed.

Although they may not need to have doors opened for them or meals paid for, she said, she and other women have begun to appreciate the courtesies.

"When I'm walking in a build-

ing and I smile at a man and he opens the door for me," Richards said, "I like it."

However, the act of kindness should be expected from any human being, she said, and it has little to do with gender.

Coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, Tricia Earl, said she does not use the word chivalry and would rather categorize acts historically thought of as chivalrous as basic human kindness.

Chivalry is a structured word that has become outdated, she said. Although chivalry has a place, the word is no longer all-encompassing.

"It's about being cordial to one another," she said, "and existing as (considerate) humans."

Considering the current state of kindness on college campuses, Earl said students today are independent, have their own agendas for their lives, and have differing opinions about how to show respect, which is often influenced by personal history.

"When you look at your own history, we're raised in a certain way, and that's what we know," she said. "Whenever we get outside that comfort zone — say, for instance, coming to a university — we're challenged, and we're

sometimes nervous about how we handle that challenge."

Students will also face gender role issues, Earl said, but the university community has come a long way in understanding a diverse group of people.

The Women's Studies Program has been at Tech for 28 years, she said, which is proof the university continues to move forward and continues to learn about changing gender roles.

Although female students on campus may feel slighted when the door isn't opened for them or they have to stand on a bus full of seated males, Earl said, the equality established among both sexes is a good thing overall.

In the past, she said, women performed certain roles and men performed other roles.

Today the sexes perform similar roles and the lines of chivalrous behavior has become blurred, Earl said, causing a confusion that may not easily be solved.

"Engineers, doctors, those types of professions used to be male dominated," she said. "Now, younger people realize they can go into any field they want to; it doesn't matter who or what they are."

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FRIDAY FITNESS

Will you be my workout partner?

If you and a significant other can sit through "He's Just Not That Into You" together, why not compromise and spend some quality time working out, too?

There are many benefits to having a workout partner, and you don't necessarily have to exercise together.

However, showing up to the gym together will be mutually beneficial to both parties in the sense that it will keep the motivation level high, and more than likely keep you from slacking off.

Guys and girls don't normally agree on everything. Movies, music and time with friends often differ, and activities at the gym are no exception.

Watching a favorite TV drama while working out on the elliptical or catching a yoga class may appeal more to the ladies than the fellows. Many guys would probably prefer to spend some time with the free weights and the heavy bag.

However, compromise is often a vital tool to use in a relationship. So, try something new.

The activities we shy away from at the gym often are among the most beneficial to us. Who knows? You may actually learn something new, because the cross training may introduce you to something that you can benefit from in your day-to-day workout.

John Miller



Having a workout partner will help keep you from making excuses not to go to the gym. Getting into a regular routine of showing up to the gym is a daunting task, but having someone who is counting on you to show up helps.

A workout partner also can help in other aspects, such as assisting you with proper form on new exercises or keeping you motivated to stay at the gym for a longer period of time.

Both parties should try to meet a certain goal; misery loves company. Sweat it out together. The accountability of having a partner in the gym will often keep both people on point.

So, before you decide to surprise her by dumping a trash bag full of Valentine's Day cards on her in the middle of the night, consider an alternative — take her to the gym.

■ 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

Award-winning actor to teach free class

Tony Award nominated actor and comedian Jaston Williams has returned to Lubbock to share his knowledge

with students and perform a Valentine's Day comedy.

Williams, a four-time Tony Award nominee and co-author of the Broadway play "The Greater Tuna," plans to teach a free Masters-level acting class on Friday at Texas Tech and perform his new one-man show "Blame It on Valentine, Texas" on Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre.

James Bush, professor of acting and directing at Tech, said he coordinated Jaston

Williams' visit for Tech's Department of Theatre and Dance.

He said watching the West Texas native and Tech alumni teach or perform is a unique experience.

"It's a high-energy show," Bush said. "It's not a tango, it's a waltz."

Tech students should take advantage of the opportunity to work with an accomplished and "high caliber" performer, he said, because not many award-winning performers would offer free acting workshops.

"He is shockingly bright and an instantaneous comedian," Bush said. "Last show I saw I had to buy side insurance from laughing so hard."

Bush said the workshop will

teach students to work well with the material they have in a hurry.

Managing director of the Lubbock Community Theatre Jay Brown said he looks forward to seeing his old friend perform.

"We were in theater at Tech and have been friends for a long time," Brown said. "Jaston is thrilled to do this; he knows the importance of theater in Lubbock."

He said anyone attending the workshops should bring a short script for him to assist them with.

Williams writes from life experiences, and the characters usually are based on his friends, Brown said. "The Greater Tuna" was inspired by his experience growing up in Crosbyton.

"Jaston is a really great teacher," Brown said. "Anyone interested in writing or acting could really benefit from these events."

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"Last show I saw I had to buy side insurance from laughing too hard."

JAMES BUSH
TECH ACTING AND DIRECTING PROFESSOR

Cultures offer chemical cues for aspiring Cupids

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Those who think flowers and chocolate are insufficient for their sweetie on Valentine's Day might try something a little more worldly — like a rhinoceros tusk or poisonous fish.

From the protein-packed Turkish

"sultan's paste" to the "bring me love" bubble baths and essential oils sold at Latin American botanicas, almost every culture boasts its own kind of aphrodisiac.

"You name it, someone has come up with something they hope is an aphrodi-

siac, because if you come up with the right formula, you win so big — you get the girl, or get the boy," said Susan Fisher, a biological anthropologist at Rutgers University and the author of several books on love, chemistry and relationships.

Scientists explain brain love circuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like any young woman in love, Bianca Acevedo has exchanged valentine hearts with her fiance.

But the New York neuroscientist knows better. The source of love is in the head, not the heart.

She's one of the researchers in a relatively new field focused on explaining the biology of romantic love. And the unpoetic explanation is that love mostly can be understood through brain images, hormones and genetics.

That seems to be the case for the newly in love, the long in love and the brokenhearted.

"It has a biological basis. We know some of the key players," said Larry Young of the Yerkes National Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta. There, he studies the brains of an unusual monogamous rodent to get a better clue about what goes on in the minds of people in love.

In humans, there are four tiny areas of the brain that some researchers say form a circuit of love. Acevedo,

who works at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, is part of a team that has isolated those regions with the unromantic names of ventral tegmental area (VTA), the nucleus accumbens, the ventral pallidum and raphe nucleus.

The hot spot is the teardrop-shaped VTA. When people newly in love were put in a functional magnetic resonance imaging machine and shown pictures of their beloved, the VTA lit up. Same for people still madly in love after 20 years.

The VTA is part of a key reward system in the brain.

"These are cells that make dopamine and send it to different brain regions," said Helen Fisher, a researcher and professor at Rutgers University. "This part of the system becomes activated because you're trying to win life's greatest prize — a mating partner."

One research finding isn't so complimentary: Love works chemically in the brain like a drug addiction.

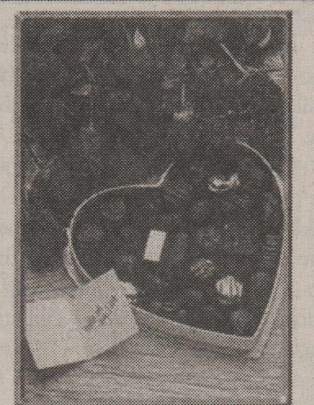
"Romantic love is an addiction," Fisher said.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday
• Workshop will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Texas Tech's Dance Studio.
For more information, contact James Bush at 806-742-3601.

Saturday
• Acting seminar and workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre.
• "Blame It on Valentine, Texas" fundraiser performance will be at 8 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre. Tickets cost \$20. Tickets including a meet-and-greet with Williams after the show cost \$35.

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OPINIONS

Becoming the ultimate stud on Valentine's Day

By JANE YU
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Make sure you do these things on Valentine's Day: Send her flowers at work, or have them delivered to her class. Nothing makes a girl swoon more than when a guy makes her feel like the most special girl in an everyday setting.

Get her chocolates. Russell Stover is not chocolate — try again.

Be an anonymous Valentine. If you don't have enough guts to ask your crush out, you can still let her know somebody is thinking of her. This only applies if it's a simple crush, and not some terrifying obsession — i.e. if you're thinking about sending her hand-drawn portraits that you drew of her during class, REFRAIN. If you're thinking of spray-painting her name on all the buildings near her place, DO NOT.

Subtlety is key — you don't want her thinking she's in some bizarre stalker-horror film. Anonymous flowers with a simple "I hope you have a nice day," is sweet enough, and sure to make her beam all day.

Take your date somewhere unique. By unique, I don't mean unusual — you're not being "unique" by taking her to the shooting range, or to your favorite dive

bar. I'm talking about thinking a step ahead of most guys and taking her to a place with stellar food, exotic décor, and ultimate class.

Trust me, tomorrow morning, she'll be recounting every single detail of her night to all her friends, and you want to make sure you give her a good story to share, thus making you the ultimate stud in the eyes of her and all her girlfriends. Word will get out; trust me.

Tip generously. Show some appreciation for servers, especially because they have possibly foregone a romantic night themselves so they could take orders from you lovebirds. Not only is tipping generously simply a nice thing to do, it's absolutely necessary when you're on a date: showing kindness to everyone, from the taxi driver, doorman, host and server, reflects on your character and consideration for others, and she'll definitely notice, especially if you're subtle while doing it. Believe me.

If you're spending it alone, don't do schoolwork, or go to the library — it'll just drive you crazy. Do whatever the hell you want — this day is all about you. Want to sit in your boxers and drink a 6 pack while scratching yourself freely? Do it. Want to go out and get completely obliterated? Go for it — who knows, maybe you'll meet your Valentine in a drunken stupor, and

have a story to share in the morning.

Or, you could always have a night in with all your single friends — there's nothing like solidarity amidst angst. As a matter of fact, make it an anti-Valentine's Day party, and share pictures



tures of your eyes together. Involve lots of alcohol — who knows what might happen when desperation and intoxication mix.

Do not do these things on Valentine's Day: Serenade her outside her classroom.

That's tacky, not to mention extremely unsettling. Especially if you're a bad singer.

Take your date/girlfriend to the same place you took your ex. As a matter of fact, don't even mention past Valen-

Want your date to feel like an expensive hooker? Didn't think so. A good rule of thumb is just not to talk about money on a date, period, whether you're a starving student who's complaining about the exorbitant entrée prices, or a wealthy I-banker who wants to slyly mention his six-figure salary.

Get ridiculously drunk. Liquid courage might take the edge off your nerves if you're on a date with the girl of your dreams, I know, but there's nothing more appalling than a date who can barely form sentences. Reserve your fratistic behavior for house parties and the like.

Get her clothing. Let's face it: Unless you're Philip Lim himself (Philip who? My point exactly), you shouldn't be picking out clothing for a girl. Every girl has a particular taste in clothes, not to mention that the sizes vary from brand to brand. Unlike men's shirts and trousers, which come in pretty direct length and width measurements, women's sizes can be a bit more arbitrary, making it likely that you're going to get the wrong size.

If it's too small, she'll feel fat and pester you about it all night, and if it's too big, she'll be offended that you think she's fat, and she'll pester you about it all night.

Buying clothing for a girl is like masturbation — you're basically just screwing

yourself if you do it.

Wear pink and red out on your Valentine's Day date. Don't be that couple. Reserve this right for octogenarians who, just a couple months ago, were committing the heinous crime of wearing those garish holiday sweaters with embroidered Christmas scenes underneath their red and green turtlenecks. Shudders.

Expect to hook up with your date. You'll actually earn double brownie points if you suppress your primal urges on this particular day. Why? Every girl has an idea of their ideal Valentine's Day date will turn out, and a date who's a perfect gentleman is always a part of the picture.

Plus, she'll be extra impressed that you went through so much effort — making reservations in advance, getting flowers, chocolates — without expecting anything in return. If you play it cool, it'll drive her wild, and you're sure to score more dates with her so you can, um, eventually score.

Exceptions to this rule: 1) If she makes the moves first, you're golden. Just make sure you let her take the lead. 2) If you've been together for a while and already hook up on a regular basis, then roll out the lacy lingerie and whipped cream and have dessert at home!

And, of course, the most important don't of the day: DON'T FORGET.

Feeling jealous of Internet star

By DAVID STUDINSKI
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

For an Internet celebrity is born this day! Retweet! Retweet! Ugh. Who am I kidding — I'm jealous.

Had I grown up in another time, been born in a different year, things would be remarkably different. I could be achieving so much just from losing a tooth. The book deals! The TV shows!

You've seen it by now. "David After Dentist" captures the antics of a 7-year-old boy as he deals with the side effects of pain medication following a tooth removal. Frankly, he's on a medically sanctioned high that makes hard-core drug users wonder his secrets.

The YouTube video — available at snipurl.com/bmy0i — is hitting the viral equivalent of musical platinum. A YouTube site search for "David After Dentist" yields countless results for remixes and satirical posts before you actually find the original, posted Jan. 30. It's achieved numerous YouTube Channel No. 1 claims and, as of writing, is nearing 8 million views. By comparison, the most watched "Boom Goes the Dynamite" YouTube video is sitting at about 2.2 million, and it's been online for three years.

Envious am I! He'll grow up known to the adoring masses as "the cute little video kid on drugs."

I guess McCauley Culkin did that, too. Anyway, David's path to success will soon become his own responsibility.

Creepy as it is, he had little choice in putting that video up online. Dad did it. David can't fully understand the repercussions and taunting that could ensue during the coming years of adolescence. It could very well haunt the child through life.

Or he'll use it to get laid.

David is 7 years old. Ten more years, and he'll be worrying about proms, cars and colleges. He'll probably have an agent, too. The child is going places! Think of the offers. This opens doors to a series of "after" moments throughout life.

"David after prom."

"David after Spring Break."

"Forty-year-old David after his first prostate exam." I gather we'd hear many of the same noises and phrases. All three scenarios seem likely to have the subject roaring, "Will this last forever?" or "Why is this happening?" followed by intense screaming and body posture resembling prehistoric animals.

And it could have been me! It all makes sense, I mean seeing as my name is David and I, too, have experienced many visits to the dentist. Between braces and a tooth removal, I've had my fair share of oral discomfort.

I showed David's experience to my mother. In the post-video discussion, I couldn't help but ask if I was the same way after my visit in the third grade or so.

"Oooh yeah you were," she exclaimed, breaking into laughter. My friends sat grinning.

I inquired as to the lack of video. My father confirmed my internal speculation.

"We just had that VHS cassette tape recorder," he said. "You remember how big that thing was?" he said, motioning to how big it was. (Like, big.)

I looked back to my mother. "So would you have posted it to YouTube?" I asked, giving way to only a slight pause in her thought process.

"Yeah, probably!" she said laughing more. She later added that she should find some of those "older VHS tapes" of my childhood. I graciously but firmly declined.

Luckily for other David, the age of broadband Internet access and inexpensive portable video devices is upon us. Technology was not pulling for me back then. Alas, my childhood failed to reach the stardom status other David recently hit.

And now that I think back to some of the content on those old VHS tapes, I feel some things are best left to their original medium. Actually, the taunting ability my parents have because of those tapes is a bit unsettling.

I better make a trip home ...

Twittering stars take fun out of celebrity

By ALEX NICHOLS
UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

Last week, Grammy-winning singer Erykah Badu gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Of course, if you're one of Badu's 4,000 followers on Twitter, you already knew that the moment it happened.

Badu and her boyfriend Twittered the whole thing, from labor to crowning. As a result, Twitter, that perfect marriage of consensual invasion of privacy and short attention spans, has evolved into a broadcast venue for the play-by-play of pivotal and extremely personal moments in the lives of famous people.

One bittersweet aspect of Web 2.0 is that celebrities, what with their MySpaces and WordPress blogs and Twitters, have less mystique than ever before. Sure, it's cool to be able to read about Kanye West's trip to Paris in his blog or interact with Jim Gaffigan on his Facebook.

But at the same time, much of what made famous people so cool — separation — is now almost completely gone.

They talk to us on the same level, like we're equals. They congregate at the same places on the Internet that we do; there's no more VIP section to daydream about entering.

Clearly, had Twitter been handed down from heaven along with the Ten Commandments, it would have completely removed the mystery associated with so many celebrities of the past. Who would want to imagine that?

Me, that's who. Here are some excerpts I dug up from Twitter accounts gone-by.

mo' money, mozart: putting the final touches on #13... this serenade is gonna rock your shit!

17:87 from web — anybody got a few bucks I could borrow? 17:89 from web

— in Prague... this place is tight! 17:91 from txt — have you ever gotten a rash that just won't go away? 17:91 from web

honest abe: @SouthCarolina: don't even THINK about it 18:60

from web

—@SouthCarolina: oh it's on 18:60 from web

—brb, emancipatin' the slaves 18:62 from web

— glad that war's over, time to take in a play with the wifey 18:65 from web

Jack_the_Ripper: killed one Aug. 31 from web

— killed another one Sep. 8 from web

— killed two more! Sep. 30 from web

— out for tea... Oct. 15 from txt

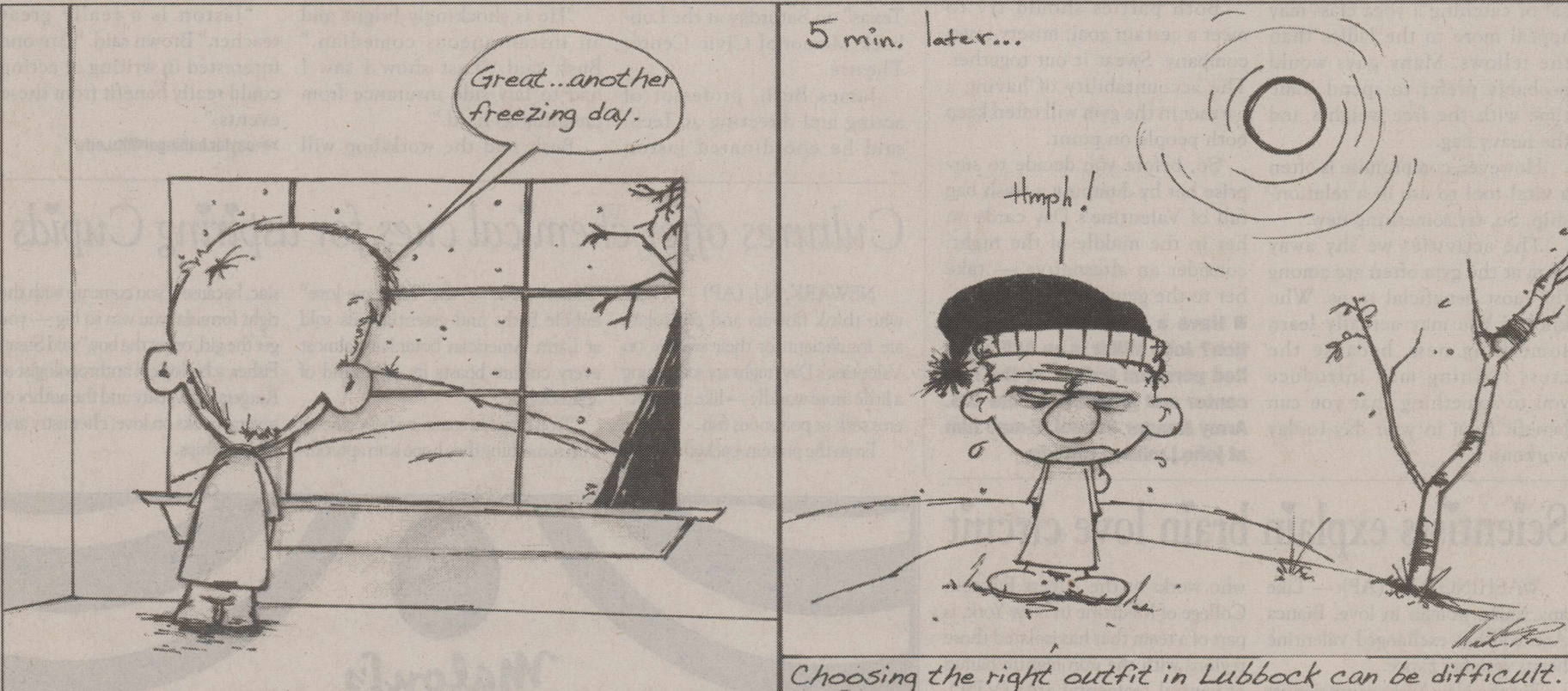
— aaaaand killed another one. Nov. 9 from web

neil not louie: earth looks crazy from up here... check out the pix on my Flickr July 18 from space

—@Houston: eagle has landed, btw July 20 from moon

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Confident Lady Raiders take on struggling Nebraska team

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Few things are as dangerous as a team desperate for a win. When the Lady Raiders face Nebraska at noon Saturday in Lincoln, Neb., they might see an injury-ridden Cornhusker team on a five-game losing streak, or they might see Nebraska finally get its second Big 12 Conference win.

To make sure the latter does not happen, Texas Tech (14-9, 4-5 in Big 12 play) hopes to bring the energy from Wednesday's 60-53 win against No. 12 Texas A&M to the Devaney Center Saturday.

"When you look at the week they've probably had in practice, they're so well-coached and they've had a lot of adversity all year with injuries," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "When you lose a First-Team All-Big 12 selection, it definitely impacts your team in a big way. Those kids in that program have great character and great tradition. Just can't take anything for granted."

Some of Nebraska's problems might come from the loss of two-time All-Big 12 First-Team selection Kelsey Griffin, who has missed the entire season to undergo ankle surgery. She injured her ankle on Aug. 28 and did not practice for 14 weeks. After missing the first seven games of the season, Nebraska coach Connie Yori announced Griffin would not recover from the injury, leaving the senior to redshirt.

With Griffin, the Cornhuskers (10-12, 1-8) are a team that entered this season with back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2007 and 2008.

Without Griffin, it's looking like a different story.

Although they were 6-1 at the time of the announcement, Big 12 play has not been too kind to Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers are riding a five-game losing streak that entails an 86-43 loss to A&M on Feb. 8. However, some of the Cornhuskers' losses have been by small margins: a five-point loss to Baylor, two-point loss at Colorado, and a one-point loss at Missouri. Nebraska led Texas 33-32 at the half in Austin, but the Longhorns stormed back for a 14-point win.

But with a large portion of Big 12

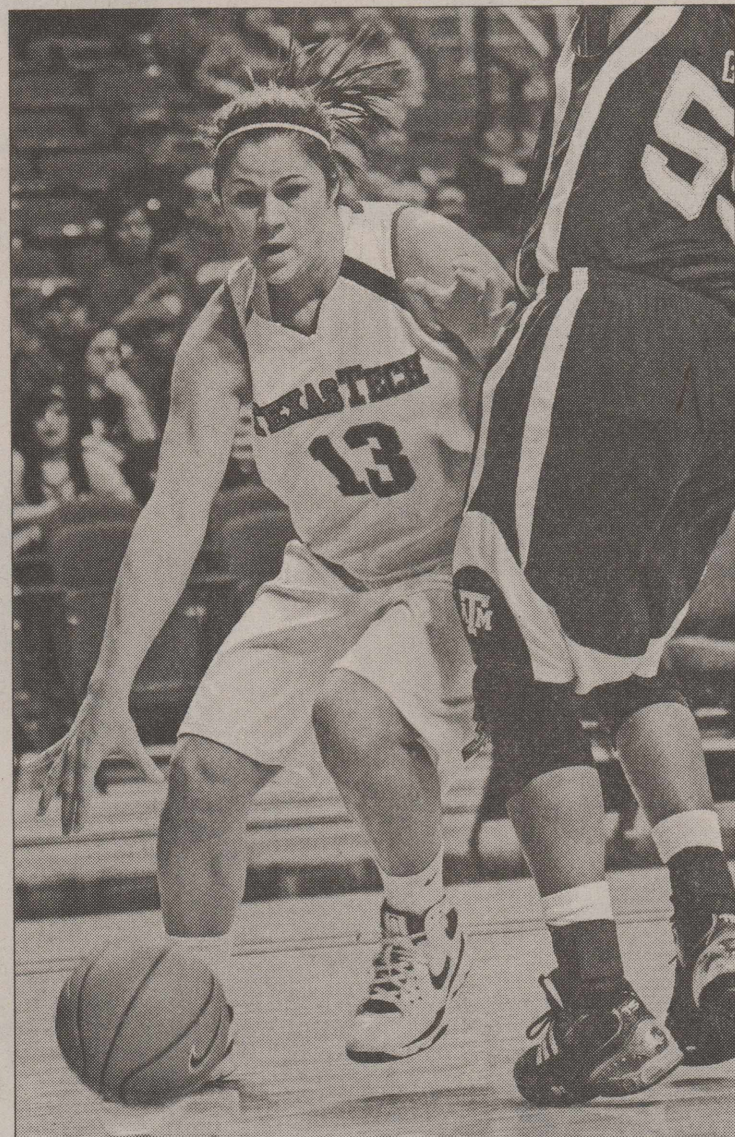


PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador
JORDAN MURPHREE HAD 12 points in the Lady Raiders' 60-53 win against No. 12 Texas A&M Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

games left, NU sophomore guard Dominique Kelley said the Cornhuskers have not yet switched to the "maybe next year" mentality.

"We have still set goals for ourselves," said Kelley, who leads the team with 59 assists. "We still know where we wanna be come Big 12 Tournament time. It is definitely a must-win for us. We're definitely not looking past this game and on to next year."

Curry said she has been through what Nebraska is experiencing right now, as far as injuries are concerned.

Her players also can relate, as Tech center Dominic Seals said having a season like Nebraska is right now is not too far away from what the Lady Raiders went through last year.

The Lady Raiders were on a five-game losing streak last season before

earning their third conference win.

"I know it's a horrible feeling just going through that feeling last year," Seals said. "I don't think that they're not motivated. I bet they're motivated. Its just things ain't going their way right now."

Tech forward Jordan Murphree said the key to preventing Nebraska from getting back on the winning track is to show the same intensity the Lady Raiders did Wednesday against A&M.

That energy allowed Tech to have five players score in double figure, with Seals grabbing a double-double. She had 11 points and 12 rebounds, Murphree and Tilmila Martin had 12 apiece, Kierra Mallard had 15 and Maria Moore had a 10-point effort.

"I think we were there last year," Murphree said. "They need a win too. We're going to have to play exactly the same way we did against A&M."

Tech's game against Nebraska will be televised nationally on Fox Sports Network.

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Baseball team ready for opening pitch

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A team can only practice for so long before it wants to see real competition.

Texas Tech baseball players are fired up for the 2009 season that begins Feb. 20 with a double-header against Southern Utah and Texas-Pan American and another game against Southern Utah and UTPA on Feb. 21 and 22, respectively.

First baseman Chris Richburg said the team is anxious to see new opponents.

"I think it's the same every year," he said. "We get sick and tired of seeing and playing the same people every day and playing against each other. Any time you come out and get that first game under your belt, it's a relief. Just to get the opportunity to play someone else, no matter who it may be is a whole lot of fun."

Tech's closer Brian Cloud said a lot of pitchers will get experience during the first two days of the season.

"When you've got 18 innings on opening day, we're going to have a lot of guys get their first pitch in and a lot of guys getting a lot of innings," he said. "I'm just looking forward to us getting our feet wet. We've got a lot of young guys on the team who need to get some experience and they're going to get it quick. I think everyone is anxious including myself."

Tech coach Dan Spencer said he can sense the team's anxiousness to play a game.

"You get to this point, the guys get a little squirrely," Spencer said, "and they're excited and it may be a little harder to get focused at the start of a drill or the start of a practice, but you're only as good as your preparation on test day."

The preparation continues with



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH CLOSER Brian Cloud had a 1-2 record with a 4.70 ERA in 2008. His ERA ranked third on the team.

three scrimmages this weekend. The Red Raiders will scrimmage today at 3:30 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Dan Law Field. All scrimmages are open to the public.

As the closer, Cloud will have to wait in the bullpen on day one for his opportunity to take the mound — prolonging the time he will have to wait to play for the first time.

"There's a difference between starting pitchers and bullpen pitchers," he said. "When you come out of the bullpen, like I do, you have the opportunity to throw more times during the week. The innings are less, but the opportunities are more. But sitting around all game and trying to stay focused gets

tough sometimes, but I enjoy the heck out of it."

Richburg was Tech's second-most consistent hitter during the 2008 season, behind preseason All-Big 12 Conference second baseman Willie Rueda, with 40 hits, two home runs, 20 RBI and a .345 batting average.

Richburg said he feels no extra pressure to continue performing successfully at the plate this season.

"If you want to be successful consistently, you can't really let it get the best of you," he said. "There's always pressure that comes with the game just as far as playing every day. But any extra pressure or stuff like that for me to perform, no I don't think I've felt that."

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Men's tennis at Denver, women get 2 at home

By ZANE TURNER
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For the first time this season, both the Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams will be in action the same weekend.

After having the week off, the Red Raiders (0-2) play at 5 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Denver, Colo. to face No. 48 Denver (4-2). The Lady Raiders (2-2) return to their home court at 2 p.m. Friday against Arizona (3-0) and 11 a.m. Sunday against No. 69 Rice (6-1) at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said the Lady Raiders are excited about playing at home again and are ready to add a couple wins to their record this weekend.

He said he is prepared for the challenge both Arizona and Rice pose for his team.

"It's a great opportunity to play two very quality teams," he said. "And getting to play two quality teams at home is always an advantage. We're gonna have to be at our top against both of these teams."

Arizona comes into the match against Tech undefeated and with two of its players, No. 91 Danielle Steinberg and No. 96 Sarah Landsman, ranked in the ITA singles Top 100.

Rice enters the weekend with seven matches under its belt and has the look of a potential tournament

team.

Individually, the Lady Raiders will look to improve their overall records.

No. 1 player, Samantha van der Drift comes in at 3-1 along with Stefanie Peana and Simone Templeton. No. 2 player Kelsy Garland and Kerryn Potgieter come in with 2-2 records and freshman Natalie Leitch enters the weekend at 1-3.

The Lady Raiders are focused and ready to move past their 7-0 loss to Denver on Sunday.

"Everyone's excited to come home and play on our home courts," Garland said. "I think we learned a lot last weekend, so we're ready to be aggressive and show the other teams what we have."

The Red Raiders will attempt to earn their first win of the season.

Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said his team has had to fight off some early-season injuries, but they are ready to play tennis.

"I'm not really thinking whether it's our first win," he said. "We're just gonna go play our next match and Denver is a good team. They're well coached, they've got a good mix of young guys and experienced players and they know how to win."

Denver made the NCAA Tournament for the first time last season, falling



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S SIMONE Templeton enters this weekend's competition with a 3-1 singles record.

to No. 17 Oklahoma State, 4-3. This season the Pioneers are 2-2 against ranked opponents, falling to No. 20 Pepperdine, 6-1 and No. 23 Miami (Fla.), 5-2. Their two victories came against No. 54 Drake, 4-3, and No. 57 Iowa, 4-3.

Tech senior Michael Breler is excited about going to Denver to compete, excited about his team's chances and ready to move past the 0-2 start.

"I'm just really excited to get back to playing matches again," he said. "We had a weekend off this last weekend and before that we played two tough teams, and we came out losing those first matches. I think everyone's been really eager to play hard, work hard and just get back at it. We look forward to playing Denver, and we just want to get a win in."

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After beating from K-State, Tech stays on road for No. 2 OU



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 TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Prince attempts to score Saturday during Texas Tech's 83-76 victory over Baylor.

By ALEX YBARRA
 MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech players Robert Lewandowski and Michael Prince noted the Kansas State Wildcats came out early and punched them square in the face on Wednesday.

That's a fair opinion, considering it was a first-round knockout for the Red Raiders, who trailed 30-6 with eight minutes remaining in the first half before closing an 85-73 loss with a late 18-2 run.

"It was just tough," said Lewandowski, whose team fell to 0-8 on the road this year. "We came out just dead."

So if Tech got knocked out by Kansas State who — although has it won six straight games — is considered a lightweight in the national championship picture, what will happen when the Red Raiders play No. 2 Oklahoma at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Norman, Okla.?

The Sooners (24-1, 10-0 in Big 12 Conference play) are heavyweight contenders led by the Mike Tyson (a younger version) of college basketball in high-flying forward Blake

Griffin. Griffin, who averages 22.1 points and 13.8 rebounds per game, matched a school record with his 21st double-double of the season in a 15-point win against Baylor Wednesday.

"I don't expect to like shut him down and hold him to two points or whatever," Lewandowski said, "but I wanna be able to say I played against Blake Griffin and held my own."

"At the same time, it's not just about him. It's a whole team around him that supports him." Tech (12-12, 2-7) will have to

find the energy it had in narrow-road losses to Texas A&M and Oklahoma State if it wants to keep up with Griffin and his supporting cast.

Guards Willie Warren, Austin Johnson and Tony Crocker are dangerous shooters from the perimeter and aggressive slashers in the lane. Their presence keeps the floor spaced out so Griffin and his brother, Taylor Griffin, can go to work in the low post.

"Any time (teams) try to stack the middle or sag back and play zone, when guys hit shots like (Johnson) has done for us, (Crocker) does for

us, (Warren) does for us," said Blake Griffin, whose team is 14-0 at home this season, "it kind of destroys it."

Tech's loss to Kansas State shattered the confidence that was injected by a comeback victory at home against Baylor Saturday, but Prince said keeping a warrior mentality is important when dealing with inconsistencies and tough losses.

"It's been real frustrating because we've been in a lot of games," Prince said. "Besides Kansas State and the second half against Texas, we've been in pretty much every game. It's just frustrating because we can't come out on top of those games."

Lewandowski said he can't put a finger on why Tech gets off to slow starts in just about every other game, but he is getting irritated with questions that circle the same problem.

"We had the win against Baylor and it just kind of makes you appreciate those wins even more," he said. "I'd much rather answer questions about why we played so well and stuff like that, but we had a bad game. We just gotta come back and play the next one."

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