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Tech community reacts to 'pink slime' controversy

Media ignoring facts, professor says

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

In April 2011, Jamie Oliver released his understanding of "pink slime" to the public through his television show, "Food Revolution," on Food Network.

Recent investigative stories by the Associated Press and ABC News have caused negative public outcry and consumer backlash against the beef-based food additive. However, some Texas Tech students and professors said the subject is misunderstood.

Pink slime is correctly known as lean finely textured beef, said Tanya Williams, a senior animal science production major from Lubbock.

"When you cut up a carcass, you get out the ribeyes, and the steaks and things like that," she said, "and there's still some extra meat that's hanging on to the fat that is perfectly good meat."

According to reports by ABC News, 70 percent of ground beef sold in U.S. supermarkets

contained pink slime at the time, causing several chains to promise to not sell foods with the additive after negative public reaction.

The biggest misunderstanding is in the use of ammonium hydroxide to separate the lean meat from the fat, said Chance Brooks, an associate professor of meat science at College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

There are structures in the cow that are made up of meat and fat, he said. The fat is trapped inside a connective tissue structure. Fats have lower melting points than proteins denature at, so the structures are heated up to naturally separate the lean material from the fat.

During the entire process, gaseous ammonia is used in a "puff," Brooks said. The ammonia alters the pH of the product and makes it safer by preventing bacteria that could potentially grow on the meat during the heating stage of the process.

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School of Pharmacy hosts cleanout to dispose of medications

DEA, HSC join together to educate public

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States, said Jeanie Jaramillo, director of Medicine Cleanout and assistant professor at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy.

The Texas Panhandle Poison Center of Tech Health Sciences Center's School of Pharmacy hosted Medication Cleanout on Saturday. The event was conducted by a drive-thru process, so Lubbock area residents could drop off unused or expired medication.

Voices of the South Plains Community Coalition sponsored the event. The Lubbock Sheriff's Department provided support and an officer was present, which was a requirement to legally do the program. Volunteers

from Tech and the surrounding area also were available to help.

"Really, our goal for Medication Cleanout is to have residents go through their home and clean out any unused medications, anything that's expired or they don't need it any longer," Jaramillo said, "like they have a dosage change or just didn't complete the medication for some reason. We want them to go through and clean those out, bring them to us, so they can be properly disposed of."

Flushing medications down the toilet can put unwanted chemicals in the water system, said Teresa Alvarado, a coordinator for Voices Community Coalition, and medicine disposed of with the trash in the landfill gets absorbed into the soil.

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Mentor Might



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TOP: HILL HARPER, an actor on "CSI: NY," delivers the keynote speech during the 10th annual MentorTech Celebration Banquet on Friday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. MentorTech is an organization that strives to enhance the quality of education of students from underrepresented populations. ABOVE: Hill Harper gets the audience involved during the 10th annual MentorTech Celebration Banquet.

'CSI: NY' actor speaks at annual MentorTech banquet

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
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Members of Texas Tech's MentorTech, along with other members of the community, came to hear the keynote speaker of the night, Hill Harper, Friday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Harper is a well-known activist when he's not busy with "CSI: NY" or making films, but he challenged the audience to be the change they want to see in the world.

Harper began his speech with a story about a young man named Brian who is 16 years old. Brian wrote a letter from prison asking only that Harper write him back. Harper wanted to do more.

He visited the prison with the intention of helping Brian, only to find out from the warden that Brian was facing a life sentence.

"What it made me think of was, how many Brians and Brianas are out there that we're not catching?" he said. "I'm too late for this Brian, but how many others are out there that we as a collective are allowing to fall into these or similar circumstances, when we have the ability, but lack the will to actually stop them."

Harper challenged the city of Lubbock and Tech to focus in on students that are slipping past the cracks.

"If there are individuals in this community, in this city, that are

falling through the cracks just like the Brians and the Brianas, then Texas Tech is also failing," Harper said.

Harper also reminisced on playing basketball as a student at Harvard University with another law student who would later go on to be the 44th President of the United States.

"I believe that you already know what you should be doing," he said. "I'm not here to tell you that. You, internally, have a barometer that says 'I can make a difference in some way' and you've already been given the signs and signals of where you should point your energy. Now is the time to do it."

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Professor named terrorism studies academic fellow

Gregg Murray, an assistant professor of political science, was named a 2012-2013 academic fellow by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies.

According to a news release, Murray will travel to Israel from May 27-June 6 for an intensive course at Tel Aviv University regarding terrorism studies and how democracies can defeat the worldwide terrorist threat.

"Research I've done with current and former colleagues here at Texas Tech shows that one way people respond to terrorism is by turning out to vote in greater numbers," Murray said in the release. "This is an important opportunity to see first hand and in-depth the factors that we think are involved in driving voters to the polls in response to terrorism."

Professor named American Statistical Association fellow

Clyde Martin, a Horn Professor of mathematics and statistics, was named an academic fellow by the American Statistical Association.

Martin was chosen for his publications and long-term contributions to the field of statistics, according to a news release. His research covers a variety of topics, including the applications of algebraic and differential geometry to problems in numerical analysis, control theory and the analysis of mathematical models in agriculture, the environment and medicine.

"I am very proud of having been nominated and for receiving the award," Martin said in the release. "It is truly an honor."

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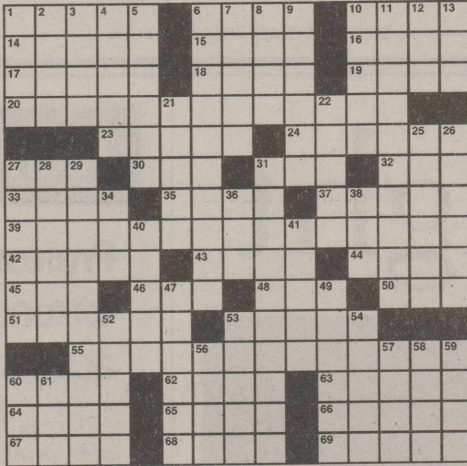
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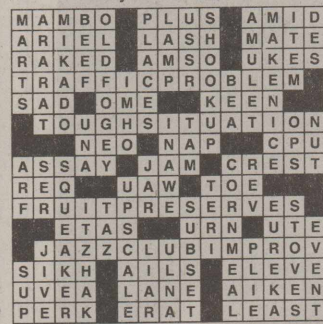


By Kevin Christian

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MEREDITH MOORMAN, A sophomore human development and family studies major from McKinney, walks on a rope tied between two trees near the library Friday. This is Moorman's first day walking on the rope.

Local outreach center hosts bike show to help prevent child abuse

The Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock hosted its 14th annual Blue Ribbon Rally all day Saturday in the Depot District.

The event was a fundraiser and the money raised went toward the outreach center for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The fundraiser included a car and bike show, live bands and other forms of entertainment.

Lynnette Wilson, director of

Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock, said more than 20,000 people were at the event.

"It's a lot of fun for families," she said. "It's so well worth it because it does raise money to build healthy families and make a difference in children's lives."

The event was free for anyone who wanted to attend. However, there was a fee to enter the car and bike show, Wilson said.

There was a raffle at the end of the event for one person to win a 2012 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"It takes all of our staff and volunteers to put on this event," Wilson said.

Along with the car and bike show, the event also catered to children. There was a children's area set up for them to play, Wilson said, and the event had fun events for children.

Wilson explained that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is why the Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock's main events happen during April.

The outreach center distributes blue ribbons to honor the Texas children who have died because of abuse and neglect.

"It shouldn't hurt to be a child," Wilson said.

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More families building their own tornado shelters

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — When deadly twisters chewed through the South and Midwest in 2011, thousands of people in the killers' paths had nowhere to hide. Now many of those families are taking an unusual extra step

to be ready next time: adding tornado shelters to their homes.

A year after the storms, sales of small residential shelters known as safe rooms are surging across much of the nation, especially in hard-hit communities such as Montgomery

and Tuscaloosa in Alabama and in Joplin, Mo., where twisters laid waste to entire neighborhoods.

Manufacturers can barely keep up with demand, and some states are offering grants and other financial incentives to help pay for the added protection and peace of mind.

Tom Cook didn't need convincing. When a 2008 tornado barreled toward his home in rural southwest Missouri, Cook, his wife and their teenage daughter sought refuge in a bathroom. It wasn't enough. His wife was killed.

Cook moved to nearby Joplin to rebuild, never imagining he would confront another monster twister. But he had a safe room installed in the garage just in case.

On May 22, Cook and his daughter huddled inside the small steel enclosure while an EF-5 tornado roared outside. They emerged unharmed, although the new house was gone.

"It was blown away completely — again," he said. "The only thing standing was that storm room."

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Slime

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The puff of ammonium hydroxide is one part per million ammonium and the rest is water, Williams said. Ammonium hydroxide is found in the human body naturally and even in bakery goods.

"Jamie Oliver goes on Food Network and blows this whole thing out of proportion with the ammonia," she said. "He grabs ammonia from under the sink and pours it on meat."

Oliver also added untruths in saying this meat is toxic and is being picked up off the floor and mixed into food in schools, Williams said.

A package of ground beef is only allowed to be 15 percent of lean finely textured beef, she said. The lean finely textured beef tastes the same; it just has a different texture.

Fresh food is

something most of the restaurant and food industry strives for, said Jenna Reeves, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Carrollton. People do not like the idea of eating meat that is not 100 percent quality beef.

"Things like 'pink slime' will give a restaurant a reputation that isn't so great, you know, for their fresh food, which is kind of a big deal I think," she said.

A single cow can feed 155 people, Williams said. Using lean finely textured beef is making use of more of the animal, so the industry is not being wasteful. Also, without it, meat prices go up.

"It's been estimated that, if all this product is removed from the market, we would have to harvest an additional 1.5 million cattle

a year to compensate for what we're not being able to capture now through this process of lean finely textured beef," Brooks said. "That's very difficult right now because of recent droughts and economic conditions."

Using the lean finely textured beef and not being wasteful is good, Reeves said.

"I think the way that people think of it — like calling it 'pink slime' — is a terrible idea," she said. "If they went by (lean finely textured beef) all the time and had better nicknames for it, they'd have a better reputation for that product."

McDonald's is one company claiming they will quit selling meat with lean finely textured beef, Williams said.

"Things like 'pink slime' will give a restaurant a reputation that isn't so great, you know..."

JENNA REEVES
FRESHMAN
RHIM

"Without it, they're not as easily able to do that Dollar Burger," she said. "You can't do it, because it's a more expensive cost to them to get the meat that does not have finely lean textured beef, so if it costs more just to get it, they

can't sell it at a cheaper rate." The population as shoppers and consumers tend to read labels and look at ingredients in the grocery store, but rarely does the population inquire about the ingredients or nutrition of foods in restaurants, Brooks said. Whether the use of lean finely textured beef will increase or not will be interesting to see in the future.

"It has a big impact all around," he said. "It's unfortunate it had such a big impact and it was based on a lot of misinformation, so it's going to be very interesting as we look historically at this what kind of lessons we've learned and how we've managed misinformation and what impact it can have on agricultural products."

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Cleanout

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This was the 19th Medication Cleanout since the start of the program in Amarillo in 2009, and the third hosted in Lubbock, Jaramillo said. More than 150 people gave their excess medications through the drive-thru and 375 pounds of medications were collected.

Medication Cleanout helps prevent poisonings, abuse and diversion, she said.

Titus Rajan, a first-year pharmacy student from Amarillo, has worked at the Medication Cleanout for four years and had an opportunity working at the Poison Control Center.

"I actually did a rotation there and, like, every day we had calls come in of people that,

well, kids that take medications — they find them in the cabinet or they thought it was candy or something like that," he said, "and also even teenagers who try to overdose and try to do stuff like that. We really prevent a lot of hospitalizations, and even deaths, by having these medications come in. We prevent a lot of accidents from happening."

The event was also a research effort to identify and address areas that create unused medication accumulation, Jaramillo said.

"We log all the items that we collect and we publish that data, so we can help influence prescribing practice changes," she said. "Perhaps doctors are over-prescribing some medications or pharmacies are over-

dispensing them. Mail-order

pharmacy is putting people under auto-refill processes, so medications keep coming and sometimes they're not needed."

That is one reason why there were so many students and volunteers there, she said, to help with this logging process instead of having all the medicine dumped and incinerated.

"We're just trying to collect data and help start preventing the problem from the front end instead of just addressing it from the back end," Jaramillo said.

The goal is to hold the Medication Cleanout twice a year, Alvarado said, because Lubbock County does not have a permanent place for citizens to safely dispose of their medication.

Saturday's event was hosted on Drug Enforcement Agency Day, she said.

"(The DEA) will come and

pick up the meds and incinerate them for free," she said. "It costs a lot of money to get them incinerated, and so we try to do it on the days they're able to come pick them up and do it for free."

News stations tell their listeners to not throw medication in the trash or flush it down the toilet, but do not provide instructions on how to properly dispose of them, Jaramillo said.

The best way to dispose of medication is bring it to a take-back event, like Medication Cleanout, she said. The next best way is to mix unused medication with kitty litter and water or coffee grounds and water to make them undesirable for consumption and put them in a plastic bag before being put in the trash.

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SOIL SOCIETY



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

PAIGE PURVIS, A sophomore environmental conservation major from Liberty Hill, plants some flowers in the Society of Conservation Biology's plot near the library Friday as part of Texas Tech's annual Arbor Day event.

Ivan Feign, Mui Wo, Hong Kong, B.F.A. photography student

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MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

Tech should lead way for men's soccer

Texas has a thing for football. There really isn't any doubt about it. If the state had an official sport, it would almost certainly be football.

Texans are passionate about other sports, too. From the four-time world champion basketball team in San Antonio to the recently successful baseball team in Arlington, teams have a ferociously loyal fan base not found in other parts of the country.

Each of these sports are well represented in the college athletic landscape. Football and basketball are far and away the two most polished teams in the conference. Millions upon millions of dollars are spent on a yearly basis to keep a top-caliber staff, top-caliber facilities and a well-oiled recruiting machine.

Here at Texas Tech, during the last 15 years, the football stadium has seen two massive expansions. The United Spirit Arena was built and multimillion dollar contracts for two new coaches were signed.

Tony Cardone



Yet, even as collegiate athletic budgets explode into the tens of millions per year, the world's most popular sport isn't even represented on the men's side.

There are no men's soccer teams in the Big 12. That needs to change and I see no reason why Tech cannot lead the way.

During the long history of our country, soccer has never been a particularly popular sport — losing out to professional leagues in football, basketball, baseball and hockey.

But the argument isn't quite as solid any more. Nearly 24 million Americans watched the 2010 World Cup final between Spain and the Netherlands, more than the average viewership of the 2010 World Series between the Yankees and Phil-

lies. Major League Soccer attendance, on average, is better than the NBA and NHL on a yearly basis.

Soccer largely attracts a younger audience than other sports due to its relative newness to the American culture. The U.S. national team only reached popular acceptance following the 1994 World Cup hosted in the U.S., and Major League Soccer will only turn 20 years old next December.

The *New York Times* reported there are 4.04 million youth soccer players in the United States. Statistically, there are probably about 323,000 players in the state of Texas playing soccer.

Roughly half of those are young men. The sport is clearly one of the fastest growing in the nation.

So why is SMU the only school in the state offering Division I men's soccer?

It's a mystery to me. Athletic budgets at Big 12 schools are enormous. The facilities already exist, since nine of 10 current conference schools field a women's soccer team.

There is an argument that Title IX, which requires women's sports to be proportionally equal to women on campus, is harming men's soccer. To some extent it is true. The sheer size of a football team requires multiple

women's sports to bring an institution into compliance with the law. Adding men's soccer would subvert that balance.

Tech offers both men and women's teams in a variety of sports, such as tennis, baseball, basketball, track and field, golf, cross country and tennis. There is the men-only sport of football, and women have volleyball and soccer.

I cannot think of a popular women's sport not being offered by Tech and therefore it would seem the school would be in compliance with the spirit of Title IX, which is the third way to meet compliance.

Hence, it seems to be a combination of a timid athletic departments and uncertainty about Title IX that is keeping Texas schools from adding men's soccer to the athletic department.

Tech is in a unique condition to change this. Texas is a hotbed of young soccer talent. Many of these players are looking for schools to play at and they end

up at a Division II or III school, or out of state. With one of the most modern soccer facilities in the conference, there is no need to spend money on a new facility.

Unlike our larger counterparts in Austin, a smaller athletic department has the agility to oversee the installation of a new sport without fully supporting the existing ones.

It's inevitable that men's soccer will join the Big 12. The explosion of the sport has created millions of fans across the region and thousands of players aspiring to play it at the next level.

Having a five or six-year head start on the cash-rich school in Austin could give Tech soccer a massive boost in long-term success and financial stability. Because 12 conference championships in 16 years just doesn't cut it.

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It's inevitable that men's soccer will join the Big 12. The explosion of the sport has created millions of fans ...

Economic policy needs ground rules

By **JONATHAN PEDDE**
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

It is no secret that, three years since the official end of the recession, many of the world's economies are still in terrible shape. Here in the United States, unemployment has been above 8 percent for three years. In Europe, public discontent with the state of the economy has caused political shockwaves, most recently in the Netherlands and France. Nonetheless, one of the key problems facing governments today — a problem known as "dynamic inconsistency" — has largely gone unacknowledged outside of the confines of the academic economics community.

The economy depends not only on past and current policy decisions but also on the public's expectations of future government policies. For example, long-term real interest rates have a far greater effect on the current state of the economy than short-term nominal interest rates do. But current long-term real interest rates are strongly dependent on current expectations of future short-term nominal interest rates — which are determined by the Federal Reserve — and inflation. Thus, the Fed's ability to influence the economy is primarily due to its ability to shape people's expectations of its future policies, not from its current policies per se.

These facts result in a problem

known as "dynamic inconsistency," which is most easily illustrated with a non-economic example. Last summer, I worked for a non-governmental organization that has a strict policy of not paying ransoms if one of its volunteers is taken hostage. Imagine that the NGO did not follow this rule, but instead made ransom decisions in a discretionary manner. In this case, the NGO's optimal strategy would be to pay today's ransoms (to save the lives of current hostages) and promise never to pay ransoms in the future (to deter future hostage-takers). However, if another hostage situation were to occur, the NGO's optimal strategy would be, once again, to pay the ransom. Of course, hostage-takers would recognize this inconsistency, so the NGO's promise to never again pay ransoms is meaningless. However, by committing to a rule to never pay ransoms, the NGO is better able to deter hostage-takers than if it made its decisions in a discretionary manner.

In 1977, economists Finn Kydland and Edward Prescott, who were later

awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics, showed that dynamic inconsistency is pervasive when macroeconomic policies are set in a discretionary manner. For example, if the Fed were given discretionary powers, it would always have an incentive to promise tight monetary policy tomorrow (to keep inflation expectations

in check) while adopting a loose policy today (to keep unemployment low). However, the public will realize this inconsistency, and the Fed will face a worse trade-off between unemployment and inflation than if it committed to a policy rule. Even if

perfectly omniscient and altruistic, discretionary policies will still be sub-optimal.

Over the last four years, the Federal Reserve has continued to face dynamic inconsistency problems, but in reverse. Since we are currently in a "liquidity

trap," the Fed is unable to reduce interest rates to the level needed to keep the economy at full employment. In this situation, the Fed's optimal discretionary policy is to promise to keep interest rates low even after the economy has exited the liquidity trap, thereby reducing longer-term interest rates today. However, as soon as the economy actually recovered, the Fed would have the incentive to renege on its promise in order to keep inflation in check. Of course, since the public realizes this fact, the Fed's promise is not credible, and its discretionary policies are not succeeding.

In fact, much of the pre-2008 literature on the liquidity trap was explicitly concerned with designing rules-based monetary policies that would get the economy out of the liquidity trap. These policy rules almost certainly would have produced far better results over the last four years than what we have seen.

While there certainly are reasonable arguments in favor of discretionary policy, it is hard to deny that a decent rules-based monetary policy would have performed as poorly over the last four years as the discretionary policies that were actually enacted.

"The economy depends ... on the public's expectations of future government policies."

Experiencing new trenta-sized drink

By **JACOB O'GARA**
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At about nine inches tall, four-and-a-half inches wide and with a holding capacity slightly larger than that of a human stomach, the "trenta"-sized coffee at Starbucks (henceforth called Trenta; it has earned the upper case) has a formidable presence, one with a sort of nervous and sinister energy. Something of that size cannot be denied.

Trenta is the vision of the supply-and-demand curve perfectly realized: People want more coffee, so here is more coffee. I couldn't really tell you what an "absurd grotesquerie of late capitalism" is, but I do know that if you look in a dictionary, you'd find a picture of Trenta taking up most of the page.

I order my first Trenta at approximately 7:16 a.m.; it is a Sunday. The plan is to drink three in all, which means that I'm going to have drunk 2,748 milliliters of iced coffee when everything is said and done. I take three long pulls of the iced coffee with milk, sweetener added, and when I come back for air I discover, to my horror, that there's still more than two-thirds of the drink left. The green Starbucks mermaid on the side of the cup jeers at me.

I can't remember how young I was when I first drank coffee, which probably isn't a good sign. I do remember becoming instantly enamored of its bitter taste, mediated by cream and sugar, and I remember the way it dispelled the gray clouds of morning. I wouldn't say I'm addicted to coffee. I don't need it to function. I just really, really want it.

I am halfway through my second Trenta. It is a few minutes past noon. I've relocated to another Starbucks because I don't want to be that guy who drank three Trenta iced coffees at one Starbucks. Any-

way, this Starbucks (on Pearl) regularly features this dignified-looking old woman who stands toward the back of the establishment and belts out Depression-era, standing-in-line-at-the-soup-kitchen folk songs. With two Trentas in the tank, I'm not quite delirious enough to join in with her, but I'm getting close.

There are days when I forget to do homework or eat, but I never forget to drink coffee. I usually drink two cups of coffee (sometimes more, never less) at home. Then I order a 16-ounce mocha at one of the campus cafes. If I'm bored or still tired, I'll order a second 16-ounce mocha right before class. Apparently, the recommended maximum amount of coffee to drink in a day is around 32 ounces. Normally, I'll have well exceeded that before lunch.

I'm almost done with my third and final Trenta, at six in the evening, when I feel it — a wave of caffeine-induced euphoria that makes everything and everyone seem slightly more interesting. From what I learned in my health issues class in high school, this is what the "up" cycle, the "manic" side of manic-depressive disorder is like. Half-thoughts and fragments of ideas come to me quickly. I feel like I'm getting a lot done, even though I'm just talking to, and probably boring, my friend whom I dragged along. Three Trentas, almost 3,000 milliliters of coffee later, and I am the life of my one-person party.

The next morning, I feel mentally and physically exhausted. The manic creativity is gone. The enervating gray veil has returned. I could concentrate my mind only enough to get out of bed and turn on a light. I spend a few moments, probably a few more than usual, just standing there, trying to get my brain working again. What I really need is a good, strong cup of coffee.

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Student organization hosts maker faire

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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Seven-year-old Aiden Walters wore a blinking robot pin on his shirt and carried a paper rocket in his hand.

Both were parts of exhibits at the Lubbock Mini-Maker Faire Saturday.

"I did all the soldering," Walters said as he showed off the pin.

He went on to explain how soldering worked, a skill few his age know.

"All the kids I've seen are loving it," said Aiden's father, John Walters.

Families and students wandered around the United Spirit Arena, where booths were set up with everything, from art made from recycled bike tires to a hat maker.

One of the biggest draws was the Tesla Coil. Patrick Ford, an electrical engineering graduate student, said he brought the coil to show off what it could do. The ring shot lightning, which played tunes that could be heard all over the faire and included a variety of music.

Ford, from London, built it for his senior design project as an un-

dergraduate, he said, and has been in love with it ever since.

Having made it himself, Ford said he connected to the ideals of Maker Faire, the themes of creativity, innovation and education.

"We've lost touch with that kind of mentality," he said. "It's important to show these things are not out of reach, there's nothing stopping (anyone)."

As the crowd gathered before the coil began to play, Ford said, he liked explaining about the coil and answering questions about the science behind it.

Science and engineering were two of the main drives behind the exhibits, said Nancy Schunke, a chemistry and robotics teacher from Coronado High School.

Schunke came with the school's robotics team and the robots the team had built for competitions.

"We just kind of want to spread the word about robotics," she said.

The entire team came and hosted a booth, presenting three of their robots along with a hoverboard-like robot the group had built.

Robots were a popular choice for presenters. There was a robot playing bagpipes, a robot reach-

ing for candy and even a robot programmed to play Nintendo 64.

What the robots weren't doing, the attendees got a chance to try.

Scott Clark, a senior electrical engineering major from Vernonia, Ore., and one of the faire organizers, said he especially liked all of the interactive aspects.

Activities included mask making, building with straws and making paper rockets, which volunteers helped launch.

A soldering workshop taught attendees about circuit boards, electricity and the tools of electrical engineering with the hands-on approach Aiden Walters said he enjoyed.

Overall, Clark said, the day was a success and was worth the months of planning.

"It's been a lot of work," he said. "We could not have done it without our volunteers and sponsors."

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers hosted the event in partnership with *Make Magazine*, Clark said, and he hopes the Mini-Maker Faire becomes an annual event in Lubbock. The faire was based on Make's larger Maker Faires — which the magazine and its parent company host

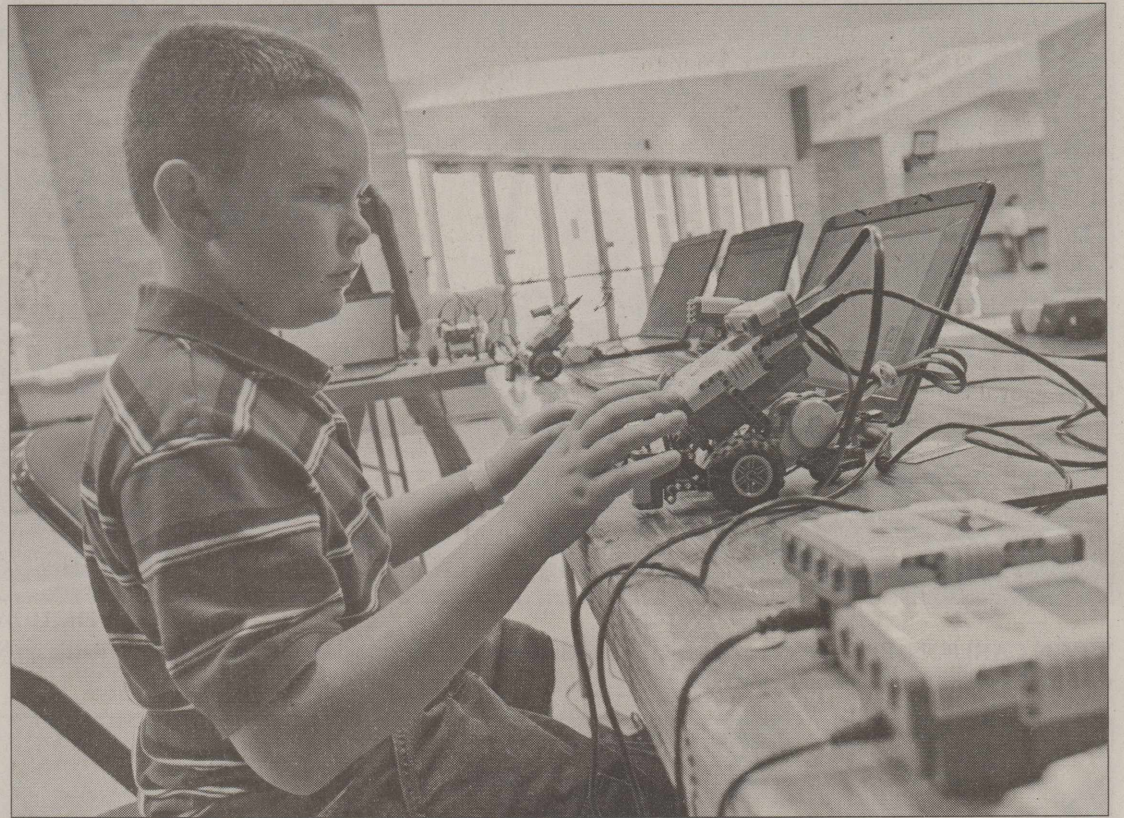


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KEELAN KNIGHT, A 10-year-old from Abernathy, programs directions into a small motorized robot at the South Plains Robotics booth during the Lubbock Mini-Maker Faire on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

in larger cities, often over a period of days.

In order to continue the Mini-Maker Faire in Lubbock, Clark

said, there is definitely a need for dedicated volunteers, but it looked as though it could become an annual event.

"It's going well," he said. "It's setting up really well for next year."

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'Avengers' hurtles to \$178.4M overseas debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The superhero saga "The Avengers" lived up to its blockbuster buzz with \$178.4 million in overseas ticket sales days before it opens in U.S. theaters.

Domestic audiences generally passed on a bunch of new flicks as fans seem to be in anticipation mode for Disney's "The Avengers," which debuts Friday in the United States after launching in 39 other countries a week earlier.

The huge overseas launch will help fan the frenzy already in place for "The Avengers," the superhero mash-up of Marvel Comics idols whose cast includes Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Jeremy Renner and Samuel L. Jackson.

"You hope that the magnitude of this kind of opening sends a signal that this is a for-everyone film," said Dave Hollis, head of distribution for Disney. "You can't put up these kinds of numbers if it's just for guys or just for the fans. These numbers say that it is for everyone, 8 to 80."

The Sony Screen Gems ensemble comedy "Think Like a Man" was No. 1 domestically for the second-straight weekend with \$18 million.

Four movies were bunched up for the No. 2 spot in the \$11 million range: Sony's animated comedy "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" with \$11.4 million; the Warner Bros. romantic drama "The Lucky One" with \$11.3 million; Lionsgate's blockbuster "The Hunger Games" with \$11.25 million;

and Universal's romantic comedy "The Five-Year Engagement" with \$11.2 million.

Those four flicks were so close that their rankings from Sunday studio estimates could change once final numbers are released Monday.

Along with "Pirates," whose voice cast was led by Hugh Grant, and "Five-Year Engagement," which stars Jason Segel and Emily Blunt, the other newcomers were Jason Statham's action tale "Safe" from Lionsgate at No. 6 with \$7.7 million and John Cusack's Edgar Allan Poe mystery "The Raven" from Relativity Media at No. 7 with \$7.3 million.

"I think going to the movies will be the No. 1 priority next weekend but clearly was not the No. 1 priority

this weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "There's so much anticipation for 'The Avengers' that the newcomers kind of got lost in the shuffle."

"The Hunger Games" climbed to \$372.5 million domestically, putting it less than \$10 million behind last year's "Harry Potter" finale, the top-grossing entry of that fantasy franchise.

"Think Like a Man" raised its domestic total to \$60.9 million, while "The Lucky One" lifted its haul to \$39.9 million.

Along with the United States, "The Avengers" has yet to open in other big markets that include Japan, China and Russia.

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Leannza Ferrer, a freshman psychology major from Lubbock, said Harper's words inspired her to be an example for her friends.

"It's pretty motivating because I have friends who don't go to school," she said. "They aren't in college because they can't afford it or because they're troublemakers and they didn't graduate high school."

Ferrer is a member of the Plains Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program; the focus of the program is to help local teens graduate school.

"It's very beneficial to us South Plains kids," she said.

"We're from community colleges and I can't really afford to go to a university at the moment. They want us to do our undergraduate research and start looking at graduate schools."

Jourdan Scuggs, a sophomore electronic media and communications major from Houston, said she enjoyed the words of encouragement from Harper.

"It's very inspiring seeing that sometimes as college students we do get defeated and we do sometimes give up," she said. "But then you also have to look at people who have been in similar situations and they've excelled and done great things. So it's motivation."

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'50 Shades of Grey' author embarks on US tour

MIAMI (AP) — Young school teachers, middle-aged nurses and even the elderly flocked to a Miami book store Sunday for a chance to meet the author of the bestselling erotic romance "Fifty Shades of Grey" in the launch of her U.S. book tour.

British newcomer E.L. James drew more than 500 men and women at a morning book signing and is scheduled to speak later before a sold-out crowd at the historic Biltmore Hotel. It was her second-ever book signing, yet the size of the crowd snaking through the store with mimosas and books in hand drew comparisons to the response seen with writers like Anne Rice and even politicians.

"This is a literary phenomenon," said Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books & Books, the independent bookstore where James was signing copies. "E.L.

struck a nerve, and her storytelling speaks to so many people."

In a few short months, James has snagged a seven-figure contract with Viking Books. Universal Pictures and Focus Films have purchased the rights to all three books in the trilogy about an unworlly college student who begins an unusual romantic relationship with a wealthy young businessman. The books have been called "mommy porn" for their sexual content and large, mostly female following, though men are signing up for autographs as well.

"I read it through lunch breaks and I'm giggling," said Laura Vargas, 31, an executive assistant at a large insurance company. "I'm like, 'I can't believe she just wrote that.'"

James began writing the books as fan fiction to Stephanie Meyer's "Twilight" series and quickly developed a cult-like following of her own. The romance between Anastasia Steele and Christian Grey is surprising because of its unconventional erotic nature: Grey asks Steele sign a contract, agreeing to be his "submissive" and to partake in a range of erotic activities. The stories were first published online, and as word of mouth spread, droves of people — many of them not traditional readers of romantic or erotic fiction — began downloading them on iPads and Kindles.

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Serena says diet change to support Venus not hard

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams says altering her diet in support of big sister Venus hasn't been much of a hardship.

Serena said she's cut down on eating chicken and fish and is eating more raw foods like Venus, who adopted the change to help her body cope with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease that can cause fatigue and joint pain. But while the new diet has been a big change for Venus, it's not been that big a deal for Serena, she says.

"I've always been a better eater than her, even though I'm a lot, lot thicker," she said, laughing during a recent phone interview.

Serena said since she lives with Venus, she is mindful to eat foods that won't tempt her.

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Buffalo Battle: Participants take on 5K obstacle course



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KEVIN CARLSON, FROM Ransom Canyon, starts climbing up the rope ladder during the Buffalo Battle on Sunday at Buffalo Springs Lake. The rope ladder was a new addition to the race.



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DEVIN BARBEE, FROM Big Spring, trudges through the mud pit obstacle during the Buffalo Battle on Sunday at Buffalo Springs Lake. Buffalo Battle is a 5K obstacle course with mud, water and climbing obstacles.

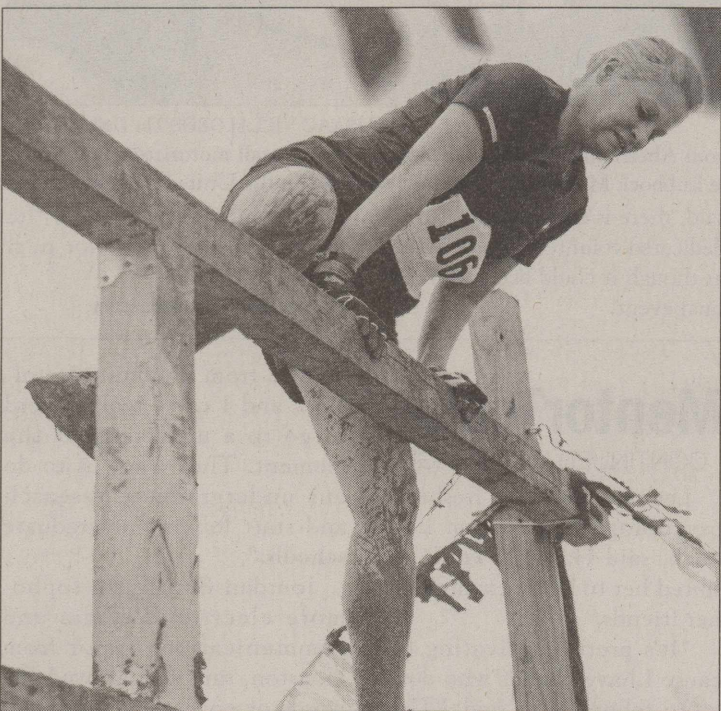


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LORI BARBEE, FROM Big Spring, climbs over the top of a climbing wall during the Buffalo Battle on Sunday at Buffalo Springs Lake. Buffalo Battle is a 5K obstacle course with mud, water and climbing obstacles.



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LISA MCKOWN, FROM Seminole, races along the ridge line during the Buffalo Battle on Sunday at Buffalo Springs Lake. McKown finished in 56th place overall.

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Tech baseball picks up first Big 12 series win

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
MANAGING EDITOR

Needing some wins to get out of the cellar of the Big 12 Conference, the Red Raiders did just that this weekend.

After dropping the first game to Missouri, Texas Tech bounced back to take the next two to win the weekend series — its first Big 12 series win of the season.

It was nice to finally pick up the series win and gain some momentum heading into the final few weeks of play, Tech third baseman Reid Redman said.

"Well it took us long enough, but it's good. I think we needed some momentum going into the next couple of weeks and it was really big for us, and hopefully this momentum will carry into next week at A&M."

The series didn't look promising for Tech after game one of the series, as Missouri beat the Red Raiders 9-0 Friday at Rip Griffin Park.

The shutout snapped Tech's 91-straight games of scoring at least one run, which was the longest current streak in the Big 12.

The team didn't do a good job once it got runners in scoring position, Tech head coach Dan Spencer said after the game.

"We didn't do a good job at all with men in scoring position or men on base," he said. "It's very disappointing. We've done different things and it's just disappointing. You have to be able to score some runs, you have to be able to score when you have opportunities."

Tech starter John Neely got out to a good start, throwing three innings of scoreless ball, but things went downhill fast in the fourth.

On a total of six hits, including three doubles and a two-run home run, the Tigers scored seven runs in the inning to jump out to a commanding 7-0 lead.

This would be more than enough insurance for Missouri starter Rob Zastryzny, as he tossed a complete game. Zastryzny didn't allow a run on seven hits while striking out five and stranding nine Tech runners on base.

Game two got off to a much better start for the Red Raiders, as they put up four runs in the first two innings which helped them to a 4-3 victory Saturday.

It was Barrett Barnes who drove in Jamodrick McGruder to get the Red Raiders on the board in the top of the first to ensure they wouldn't be shutout for a second straight day.

Then Tech's bats kept rolling in the second, as three Red Raiders knocked in three runs to push Tech's lead to 4-0.

However, Missouri clawed its way back into the game, as a two-run homer in fourth and an error with the bases loaded in the sixth cut the Red Raiders' lead down to one.

But the Tech relievers closed the door on any chance of Tiger victory. After Duke von Schamann left the game with an injury, the four Tech pitchers who came out of the bullpen combined to give up just two hits and didn't allow another run to cross the plate for Missouri.

After the game, Spencer said von Schamann's injury was tightness in the bicep. This injury has happened to him before, von Schamann said, and he hopes it won't sideline him too long.

"I had the same problem in high school one time and I was back the next week," he said, "so hopefully it's the same thing and I'll make my start next Saturday against A&M."

After being shutout two nights before, the Red Raiders did the same to Missouri in the two teams final matchup as members of the Big 12, as Tech won 7-0.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S BRENNAN Moore slides into second base during the Red Raiders' 4-3 victory against the Missouri Tigers on Saturday at Rip Griffin Park.

son in the second inning would put the Red Raiders on the board first, and would be all the Tech pitching staff would need.

It was Rusty Shellhorn who got the start for Tech on four days rest, and he didn't seem to be fatigued at all. Shellhorn didn't give up a run on two hits in seven innings pitched.

Pitching on short rest wasn't a factor, Shellhorn said he felt like he had even more than seven innings in him.

"I felt like I could go more actually," he said. "I told Spencer I got eight and nine in me if you

let me. I felt pretty good."

Trey Masek came in to relieve Shellhorn, and pitched just about as well as Shellhorn did.

After giving up back-to-back hits after coming out of the bullpen, Masek sat down the next six hitters to give Tech the 7-0 win and series victory.

Next up for Tech will be New Mexico State on Tuesday in Las Cruces, N.M. The Aggies took a 7-6 victory against the Red Raiders earlier this season in Lubbock.

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Durant's winner lifts Thunder past Mavs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant was determined to not let the Oklahoma City Thunder lose another playoff game at home to Dallas.

He scored 25 points and hit the winning jumper from the foul line with 1.5 seconds left to give the Thunder a 99-98 victory over the Mavericks on Saturday night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series — a rematch of last year's Western Conference finals.

The Thunder trailed by seven with 2½ minutes left before rallying to take the first step toward avenging a 4-1 series loss a year ago.

"It's the playoffs," Durant said. "No matter how it gets done, you've got to do it."

With his team trailing by one late

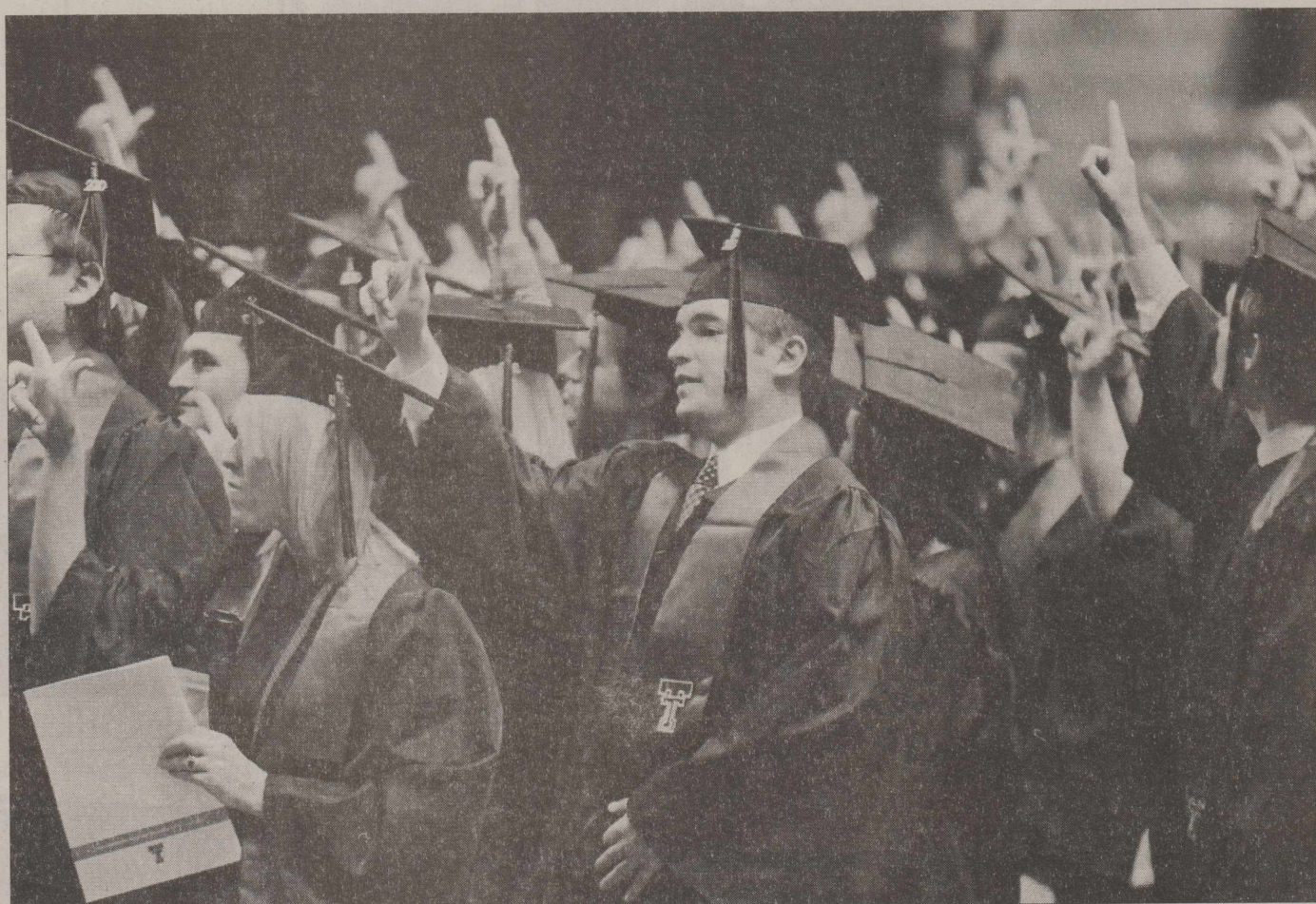
in the fourth quarter, he forced his way toward the lane and found himself with defenders closing in and the clock winding down.

Durant maneuvered to the free throw line and got off a high-arching shot over Shawn Marion that hit off the front of the rim and then off the backboard before falling through the net.

The defending NBA champion Mavericks, who were out of timeouts, could not get a shot off before the buzzer.

"If you have a timeout, you can move the ball (to half-court) and maybe have a look at it," said Dirk Nowitzki, who had hit two free throws with 9 seconds left to put Dallas ahead. "But if you don't have a timeout, that's definitely a buzzer-beater."

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Dolphins draft Texas A&M QB Tannehill

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill beamed as he stood on the stage at the NFL draft in New York, holding a Miami Dolphins jersey with uniform No. 1, a reflection of his lofty status as a first-round pick.

The Dolphins finally made the quarterback position their top draft priority, taking Texas A&M's Tannehill with the eighth overall choice Thursday. He became the first QB selected in the opening round by the Dolphins since 1983, when they landed Dan Marino.

Miami fans clamored for a quarterback, and owner Stephen Ross supported the investment of a first-round pick in a passer.

"You have your chances of getting a franchise quarterback in the first round," Ross said. "Historically you see most of them come out of the first round. I always said once we can identify a franchise quarterback, let's go get him. And I think that's what we found."

Tannehill might have been a reach at No. 8. He started just 19 games in college after switching from receiver to quarterback, and last year he threw 15 interceptions while going only 1-4 against Top 25 teams.

But the 6-foot-4, 222-pound Tannehill received favorable reviews from his college coach, Mike Sherman, the Dolphins' new offensive coordinator. General manager

Jeff Ireland said that while Tannehill lacks experience, his size, arm strength, toughness, intelligence and overall athletic ability make him a top prospect.

"I didn't take him with the eighth pick in the draft for him to be a backup quarterback," Ireland said. "I picked him to be a starting quarterback in this league at some point to have an impact on the team and help us win games and championships. That's the expectation."

Since Marino retired following the 1999 season, the Dolphins have started 16 quarterbacks, the most in the NFL. They unsuccessfully courted Peyton Manning last month, but Ireland said drafting Tannehill has long been part of the Dolphins' offseason strategy.

"This finalizes a plan we put in place several months ago when we started with the free-agency process and started preparing for the draft," Ireland said. "This solidifies the quarterback position. We wanted depth at the position."

"This brings a new young face in there. We're not going to make any predictions about when he'll start or what he'll do in his first year. But he's a competitor and he'll want to be the starter."

The incumbent is veteran Matt Moore, who exceeded expectations starting the final 12 games

last year, when Miami went 6-10. Moore and veteran newcomer David Garrard are expected to compete for the starting job this year, which will give new coach Joe Philbin time to groom Tannehill for the job.

Tannehill said he'll try to learn from the veterans while competing with them as well.

"I want to be a great player someday," he said.

Ross said he's not counting on Tannehill to boost sagging ticket sales, and won't be disappointed if the rookie doesn't throw a pass in a game this year.

"What's going to energize the fan base is winning," Ross said. "It might take time for him to develop."

Tannehill said he was glad to be reunited with Sherman. Their relationship survived a rocky patch in 2008, when Tannehill was a redshirt freshman and Sherman moved him from quarterback to receiver.

"I definitely wanted to be playing the quarterback position," Tannehill said. "When he first sat me down and told me I was going to move to receiver, I told him I thought he was making a mistake and I was the best quarterback on the roster. He always says that was one of the funniest and best moments he had with me."



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

FORMER TEXAS A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill attempts a pass during A&M's 45-27 win against Texas Tech on Oct. 30, 2010, in College Station. Tannehill was selected by the Miami Dolphins with the No. 8 overall pick during the first round of the NFL Draft on Thursday.

Ireland smiled when asked about the story.

"That's the competitor in him, and that's what you love about the kid," Ireland said.

Tannehill was the third quarterback drafted. Indianapolis took Andrew Luck with the first pick, and Washington took Robert Griffin III with the second choice.

Tannehill was widely projected to be the Dolphins' choice, but he said he didn't know what to expect.

"I was in the dark," he said. "I was so excited to see the Florida area code pop up on the phone."

Tannehill was at the draft in New York when his name was announced, and within 30 seconds he was wearing a Dolphins cap.

Chomping on gum, on walked onto the stage and shared a hug with Commissioner Roger Goodell, who handed him the Dolphins jersey.

"It takes my breath away," Tannehill said. "To see my name on the back of an NFL jersey for an organization like the Miami Dolphins, I couldn't be more excited. It's the moment of a lifetime."

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Cowboys top pick OK with Sanders-like expectations

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys obviously have high expectations for first-round pick Morris Claiborne.

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spots and lost their second-round draft pick to get Claiborne sixth overall.

Owner Jerry Jones then immediately talked about Claiborne being a difference-maker. He called the

All-American from LSU the best cornerback prospect team scouts have graded since Deion Sanders, the Hall of Famer who was a key part of their last Super Bowl championship 16 years ago.

"That's awesome. Anytime you can hear your name in the same sentence as Deion, you've got to be doing something right," Claiborne said Friday. "Deion is a great player and he left a mark here with the Dallas Cowboys and he's moved on. I'm one of the players coming up now and I'm going to try to leave my mark."

Claiborne said he is motivated by and welcomes such expectations.

During his introduction at the team's Valley Ranch facility, Claiborne was presented with jersey No. 24. Among former Cowboys who wore that number were cornerbacks Everson Walls and Larry Brown, the MVP in their last Super Bowl victory after two second-half interceptions.

"It still feels like it isn't real, but I know it's real," Claiborne said. "I'm just so excited to get in, to get to work, to get around my teammates."

Though the Cowboys went into the second day of the draft without a second-round pick, they felt Claiborne was well worth it. The only player they had rated higher on their draft board was Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, who as expected was taken first overall by Indianapolis.

"He plays a premium position we think he's an outstanding athlete, an elite athlete and an outstanding person," coach Jason Garrett said. "Corner is a premium position. ... It gives you a lot of freedom to do things on defense if you have a guy who can shut somebody down or take a receiver out of a game."

It will still be some time before the Cowboys will actually get to see Claiborne on the field.

Claiborne still has a cast on his left wrist from surgery after the NFL combine to repair some ligament damage. He said he will have to wear that cast for two more weeks, then will get the pins out and have to wear a soft cast after that.

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Parker's 28 points leads Spurs past Jazz 106-91

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This was not another early playoff letdown by the San Antonio Spurs. For the first time in four years, they won a series opener.

But more important to them was Tony Parker looking like his old post-season self.

Putting together his best playoff game since 2009, Parker scored 28 points and the top-seeded Spurs erased four years of putting themselves in 0-1 holes to start the playoffs, beating the Utah Jazz 106-91 in Game 1 of their first-round series Sunday.

It marked the 11th straight win for the Spurs dating to the regular season, and kept the Spurs from being hounded by the same doubts that emerged this time last year when they also entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, only to be ousted by Memphis.

"I think everybody knows what happened last year," Parker said. "Everybody's motivated this year, but we don't even talk about it."

What Parker — and coach Gregg Popovich — have talked about is the All-Star's unremarkable series against the Grizzlies a year ago. Popovich told Parker that he thought his star point guard tried harder with the French national team last summer than in the playoffs, and Parker vowed to return with a different attitude.

He's making good on it so far. The Jazz, meanwhile, hung close for three quarters in the franchise's first playoff game without Jerry Sloan since 1988. Paul Millsap led Utah with 20 points, but the Jazz couldn't keep up when the NBA's top 3-point shooting team began burying them with three in a two-minute burst to finish the third.

"The biggest thing we're going to learn is the different ways to guard the pick and roll, and what worked and what didn't," Jazz guard Gordon Hayward said. "We can't let them get to the paint as easily, because it's kick out 3's and dump down's and whatever. So we have to do better at that."

Game 2 is Wednesday in San Antonio. Hayward scored 17 points and Al Jefferson had 16 for the Jazz, who presented the Spurs problems with a bigger frontcourt but contributed to their own doom with 16 turnovers.

"But we are a young team," Millsap said. "Things like that happen."

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who despite boasting the No. 1 seed for a second straight year hadn't won a Game 1 in its last six postseason series. The last one was a double-overtime win over Phoenix in 2008, which was also round the last time that the Spurs entered the playoffs as healthy as they are now.

But they didn't leave this game entirely scot-free.

Center Tiago Splitter sprained his left wrist and didn't return after scoring four points in 8 minutes. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known, but even with arguably the deepest Spurs team in the Duncan era, San Antonio would sorely miss their 7-footer.

Parker shook off a slow start to shoot 10 of 19 from the floor. He also had eight assists in his best playoff game since scoring 43 against Dallas in 2009.

"We needed this one. We played a pretty good game. It wasn't brilliant," said Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, who had seven points. "But it was steady and we kept fighting. It took us awhile, but we broke it in the fourth quarter."

The Jazz may be bigger, but are well short on playoff experience compared to the Spurs. To that end, Utah coach Tyrone Corbin put Josh Howard back in the starting lineup for Game 1, even though the Jazz rolled into the postseason winners of five in a row with DeMare Carroll at small forward. Howard had knee surgery in March and returned Tuesday against Phoenix. Whatever concerns Corbin harbored of Howard disrupting Utah's recent chemistry were allayed by his six playoff stints in Dallas, including his starting role in the Mavericks' run to the 2006 NBA Finals.

"There was no apprehension," Corbin said. "We know who he is. We're going to need all the experience we can get."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Texas Tech, Kansas softball each take one game in series shortened by weather

It was a shortened series for No. 24 Texas Tech and Kansas, as the weather in Lawrence, Kan., caused game three to be canceled.

The teams split the series with Tech winning game one and Kansas coming back to win the second game.

Weather played a factor the entire weekend, as the first game of

No. 19 Red Raider

After a win in a tiebreaker to pick up the deciding point to upset No. 15 Texas a week before, the opposite happened to the No. 19 Texas Tech men's tennis team Saturday in College Station.

With the team score tied up at three, Baylor's Diego Galeano defeated Tech's Vitor Manzini to take the game and overall 4-3 victory for the Bears to knock the Red Raiders out of the Big 12 Conference tournament.

No. 21 Women's tennis loses to No. 13 Texas for second time this year

After picking up its first Big 12 Conference title in school history, the Lady Raider tennis team was knocked out of the Big 12 Championships by Texas on Saturday in College Station.

For the second time on the season, the No. 13 Longhorns beat

the series even had to be finished Saturday.

After the Red Raiders scored two runs in the fifth inning Friday, play was halted because of severe weather with Tech up 3-1.

The Red Raiders would tuck on one more run as play continued Saturday to take a 4-1 win.

tennis upset 4-3 by No. 28 Baylor in

This was a hard loss to take coming off the strong performance a week before, Tech coach Tim Siegel said.

"It is just a tough one," he said in a news release. "As great as you feel after a Texas win 7-6 in the third, now we know what it feels like a few days later to lose 7-6 in the third to make the finals of the Big 12 Championship. I am just absolutely crushed by it. I am proud of the team. I am proud of what we

However, Kansas bounced back later in the day, rallying late to win 5-4.

It looked like the Red Raiders would take this game as well with a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the seventh. However, the Jayhawk bats came alive at the right time for them. A single with runners on first

have done all year. We will regroup and get ready for the NCAA's, but there has never been a harder, more difficult loss for me."

Tech took the early lead by winning the first two doubles matches to take the 1-0 lead.

The Red Raiders got even closer to picking up the win, as it won two out of the first three singles points to take a 3-1 lead, but Baylor bounced back to take the next two points to

needed to."

The Lady Raiders started off the day on a high note, as it took the first two doubles matches to take an early 1-0 lead.

However, it all went downhill after that for Tech, as the Longhorns took the first four singles

and second — the tying run having already been scored — brought home the game-winning run for Kansas.

The final game of the series will not be made up, so Tech softball will now finish up the regular season with a three-game home series against Oklahoma State starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Big 12 Tournament

tie it up.

It then came down to the match between Galeano and Manzini that was tight throughout, as every single set was decided by a tiebreaker. But it was Galeano who won the most important tiebreaker, as he won the third set tiebreaker 7-3 to win his match and the overall match for the Bears.

Tech will now wait to see where it will be placed for postseason play.

matches to secure a 4-1 win for Texas to knock the Lady Raiders out of the tournament.

Tech will now have to wait until Tuesday to find out where they will be placed in the 2012 NCAA Championships.

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