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TV reporter resigns following court fight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Television reporter Nicole Perez won a court battle against the Nueces County district attorney's office for a copy of a jail videotape, but resigned in protest after her boss refused to air it.

"I can't continue to work for a news director who doesn't support me when I do my job," said reporter Nicole Perez, who had worked for KZTV in Corpus

Christi for six years. News director Walter Furley, who is also the station's main news anchor, said he withheld the tape because it is evidence against two jail guards accused of assaulting prisoner Ralph Torres and could sway potential jurors.

"She disagreed with my decision to the point that she couldn't work for me anymore," Furley said.

According to Perez and prosecutor Mark Skurka, the 25-minute tape doesn't show the entire struggle between Torres, who was injured in the Feb. 20 fight, and former jail guards Charles Kaufman and Thomas Bailey.

KZTV successfully fought a judge's order to return the videotape to the Nueces County district attorney's office.

NATIONAL

Former news editor, ambassador dies

ELLSWORTH, Maine (AP) -James Russell Wiggins, a former Washington Post editor who served briefly as ambassador to the United Nations, died Sunday at his home in eastern Maine. He

Wiggins had retired to Maine, where he continued to work at the weekly newspaper he owned from 1966 to 1991 until his declining health forced him to stop in July.

'Russell had a contagious enthusiasm for everything he encountered and read. He was an endless optimist about human nature, interested in everyone he met, whether young or old," said Alan Baker, a friend who had bought the Ellsworth American from Wiggins.

Defense Secretary William Cohen described Wiggins, his friend of 30 years, as "one of Maine's greatest assets."

WORLD

Alps considered high risk after tragedies

KAPRUN, Austria (AP) - After decades of development as Europe's year-round playground, the Alps may be suffering from overload.

Mudslides, avalanches and last weekend's fire in the Kitzsteinhorn mountain tunnel that killed 155 people have led some environmentalists to question whether it's time to scale back on the construction of resorts, hiking trails and ski runs that expanded as Europe's economy has grown.

We cannot continue to treat the mountains as we have in the past and maintain this pace into the future," said Daniela Grabher of the Austrian Ecological

Institute in Bregrenz. The recent record points to increasing risks. In the past three years, about 50 people have been killed in avalanches in the Austrian Alps - including four who were caught in a pair of avalanches Sunday at ski resorts in western Austria.

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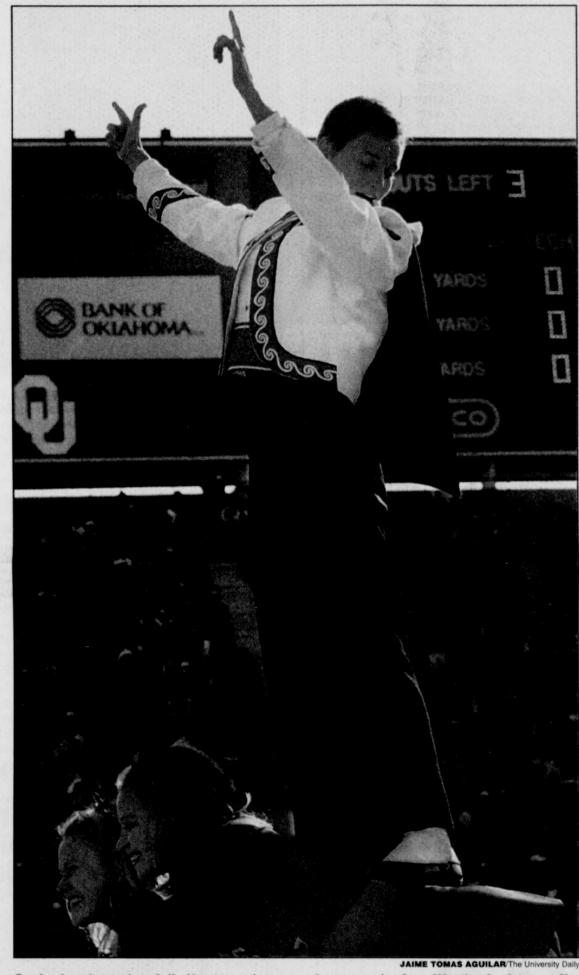
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Guns way up



Senior band member Julie Newton, a human sciences major from Weatherford, tops off a pyramid with Texas Tech cheerleaders Saturday afternoon during the Tech-Oklahoma football game in Norman, Okla.

Arguments set in election saga

■ Supreme Court to decide if recount will be allowed in largely Democratic Florida counties.

> By Jeff Lehr Staff Writer

The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments today on whether recounted votes in three heavily Democratic counties must be included in the vote total.

Democrat Al Gore won a victory Sunday when a Florida judge allowed Miami-Dade County to begin mechanically sorting 654,000 punch-card ballots, the first step in the manual recount of ballots in Florida's largest county.

The other two counties, Broward and Palm Beach, in addition to Miami-Dade, supported Bill Clinton with an average of 60 percent in 1996 and Democrats expect them to give Gore enough votes to win Florida's 25 electoral votes and the presidency.

In a unanimous ruling Friday, the Florida Supreme Court stopped Secretary of State Katherine Harris from certifying Republican George W. Bush the winner. As of Sunday afternoon, Bush clung to a 930-vote lead over Gore, according to an unofficial tally.

Gore's running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday and did not rule out further litigation if the Florida Supreme Court barred the addition of hand-recounted votes to the state's total.

When asked if the Democrats would accept the verdict of the state Supreme Court as final Lieberman said, "No decision has been made about any other lawsuits ... I think that's a judgment that will be made at that moment when we see where

Steve Greene, political science professor at Texas Tech, said he does think the Florida Supreme Court will allow the hand counting to continue, thus allowing those results to be tallied in the final vote count.

He also said it would be best for the entire state to hand count every county instead of just the three counties questioned by Democrats. "I honestly think that the best idea should be for the whole state do conduct a hand count," he said.

"Then that would be the end of it." Meanwhile, Bush's legal team argued that state law sets a deadline for vote returns, meaning that Florida election law provides for one week of ballot counting after the election. That deadline passed Nov. 14. The Broward County canvassing

board reversed its decision Sunday to disqualify ballots with dimple or one-corner chads, which proved to be another victory for Gore. The board had been throwing out

any ballots that did not have two corners poked out of the chad - the tiny pieces of paper in a punch-card ballot.

The board said it would consider the ballots with dimple, pregnant chads or otherwise questionable chads after its attorney said the twocorner standard would not hold up

Greene said he thinks the hand counting in these counties "seems pretty accurate" because of the constant scrutiny placed on the process.

"They've got more than one person looking at each ballot and reporters standing across the room with cameras," he said.

Greene said the voter's intent should be clear whether or not the chad was poked through entirely or just partly.

Either way, today's state Supreme Court decision will inevitably set the course for the rest of the recount process. Greene said the 930-vote lead held by Bush, although larger than Friday's lead of 300, is "not a comfortable lead."

"It could totally go either way," he

The ideal ending to the process, Greene said, would be for the hand counts to come in and for Bush to still be the leader and eventual winner.

This way, if Bush wins, Gore won't feel cheated because he would've gotten a recount, but if Gore ends up winning, then Bush will feel cheated because the state was recounted until Gore won," he said.

Nonetheless. Greene said he believes the winner of this election will have an "incredibly hard" time in the White House because of how close the count is shaping up to be.

Memorial ceremony honors, remembers bonfire victims

■ Thousands of people gather in College Station to pay tribute to Aggies killed in last year's tragedy.

> By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

While most college students were preparing for those last tests professors squeeze in before the Thanksgiving break, a university several hundred miles away from Tech was waking to a nightmare.

On November 18, 1999, Texas A&M's annual Bonfire collapsed, trapping students under the 44foot structure. After almost 24 hours from the time Bonfire fell, the last log had been removed, and a total of 12 Aggies had died.

During the day's press conferences to the memorial service the next night, one question lingered: "How?" "How could a tradition, held so closely to a student body and its alumni, that has stood for so long be destroyed?"

Rulings finally came almost six months later that the Bonfire would not resume until 2002 and would

be designed by a team of professional engineers and architects.

Daniel Gertson, a Texas A&M sophomore journalism major from Houston, participated in Cut last year as a part of the collective effort to construct Bonfire. Gertson said the main reason he joined Cut was to meet other people, but said it turned into more than that. "I was starting off new and wanted to meet other guys in my dorm, but it became much more than that when you begin to work on the Stack."

Gertson spent Saturdays and Sundays, usually working 8 to 10 hours every week, cutting the logs that would construct the tower. Teams made up of the students' dorms worked together as part of the construction. About 500 people total worked on Bonfire.

Meeting people and creating bonds with fellow classmates were only torn apart by the fall of Bonfire. The initial reaction of most students was shock. "My suitemate ran into my room with the news. At first I couldn't believe it," Gertson said. "I just remembered those people that you would see around school, and then they were gone.'

This past Saturday marked the one-year anni-

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A memorial service held early Saturday morning and attended by more than 40,000 people marked the one-year anniversary of the Texas **A&M** bonfire collapse. Last fall's tragedy killed 12 Aggies and injured dozens of others.

School daze getting longer

Stress levels soar as students work their way through school

By Kyla Moseley Contributing Writer

Students need to pass, so they study. They need money, so they work. They want to hang out with their friends, so they socialize. Balancing the three can be a serious test of strength.

Brian Lubeskie, a senior advertising major from Dallas, makes a list.

Aside from working 25 hours a week at Don Pablo's as a waiter and taking 16 hours of classes, he is Push chairman for the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi, where he helps raise money and awareness for those with severe disabilities. He only has time to squeeze in about three hours of studying a week and manages to keep a 3.1 GPA.

The more stress a

person has, the

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go wrong in life."

Jo Henderson

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

"The night before a busy day, I sit down and write out everything I know I need to get done so I have it all organized and ready for the day ahead," he said.

Lubeskie said he has the perfect job for a college student trying to earn money, but said

it can be stressful if he has to work late the night before a test. He comes in tired and ready to fall into bed, not to study.

Jo Henderson, health education coordinator at Texas Tech Student Health Services, said managing time is extremely important when trying to deal with stress.

People should keep a calendar. When a person does not know what he or she has to deal with that day, the stress will build," Henderson said

It is also good practice for life after college. In the business world, a project cannot be put off until the last second like in college. Utilizing time management is key to controlling stress.

Kim Klonower, a sophomore business major, works as a waitress at Bleachers. She said she loves the crowd and the atmosphere, but it can be difficult. The hours are late and she has 8 a.m. classes three

"Tuesdays and Thursdays are the good nights to work because that is when I can

Traditions Council planned a memorial

service at 2:42 a.m., the exact time that

Bonfire fell last year. Authorities planned

for 40,000 people to attend and provided

mood for the memorial service. A passage

The cold and rainy morning set the

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candles for each attendee.

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cannot get out of there until 3 a.m. and I have 8 a.m. classes," Klonower said. "I do not have a choice but to work those days because I am paying my own bills, except

Klonower plans her week when she gets her schedule. She works at least 30 hours a week and studies in the few minutes she has between classes and work

"A bar in a college town is a good place to work for the money but a bad place when you need to study," she said.

Many times, students have so much to do and so little time in the day, they must live by a strict schedule.

Natalie Stobie, a senior math major from Nacogdoches, works at Scuttlebutts and just got promoted to head waitress and said that means working around 40

hours a week on top of 12 hours of classes. A typical day for her is going straight home from work at 2 a.m., going to bed, going to class early the next morning, coming home in the afternoon and studying, then going back to work at 6 p.m.

The key to successfully tackling her day is a planner. Stobie writes out her work schedule, then plans the day around that schedule and is careful to reserve at least one hour for herself.

Stobie's said her job keeps her life hectic, but she said she loves it because the atmosphere is laid back, and it is nice to have regular customers to talk to. It is also a college hangout, so she often sees her

When a person gets stressed, all aspects of life will not go as well, Henderson said. The student and a significant other will fight more, appetites go down, constant tiredness occurs, the immune system will not function as well, and there will be more stress at work.

"It is sort of like a house of cards that falls in on you," Henderson said. "The more stress a person has, the more that begins to go wrong in life.'

Daniel Lewis, a junior civil engineering major who works at Doc's, said the hardest part of balancing work and studying is being tired all the time. He works at least 40 hours a week from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Lewis said he took his job because the hours fit his class schedule better than

ents of the 12 victim's scholarships lit

candles who passed the light to the parents

"The morning was very intense, and all

I could keep thinking about was last year.

The weather brought back a lot of memo-

ries, but it's always good to remember," said

the Aggie spirit once again.

Gertson.

make the most money, but sometimes we other jobs because of the evening hours, and he needed the extra money for bills and socializing. He also enjoys talking to the customers who sometimes give tips. Lewis manages to fit studying in by heading to the library between classes

> Not getting enough sleep is a huge reason many students have loads of stress, Henderson said. Many times, a person could be absolutely exhausted, but it is impossible to sleep because his or her mind will not slow down and stop thinking about everything there is to do, she said.

> "Students should schedule sleep just as they would a work schedule. It is huge in controlling stress," Henderson said. "When a body does not get enough rest, it cannot fight off diseases because the immune system goes down. Lack of sleep also causes a person to be moody. This could lead to a lower performance level when it comes to studying and making good grades.

> Brandi Harris, an elementary education major from Brady, survives her busy days by making lists of everything she needs to do. She works 27 hours a week at Madison's Place, a daycare center. Her job includes teaching 4 year olds, making lesson plans and keeping the classroom looking good everyday.

She tries to put in about 10 hours a week studying for her 12 hours of classes and said it is difficult to keep her mind on studying when she gets off work because she is exhausted from keeping track of small children all afternoon. With all the exhaustion however, she said she still manages to pull off a 3.6 GPA.

She divides weekends between friends and studying because that is when she finally has time to open a book.

"I sometimes think that my job is too much, but when I hear a kid say 'I love you Miss Brandi,' it makes it completely worth

Getting sleep and having self-discipline are big factors in stress management, Henderson said. By scheduling sleep as a person would schedule work, a few minutes of rest in the day is assured. When a person has enough sleep, there is less moodiness, and everything just goes better during the day.

Henderson said, self-discipline is great because it helps the person manage the time he or she has to get things of life go up.

membering the students and families as

well," Gertson said. "And I hope that those

that come behind me will be able to partici-

pate in the tradition of Bonfire and spirit that

is still burning. Aston Hall is getting a memorial plaque, along with 12 scholarships of the fallen Aggies. The candlelight was that have been given in the names of the vic-

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Helping hands

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Gamma Beta Phi member Sarah Olvera, a senior education major from

Nazareth, packages food Saturday morning at the South Plains Food Bank.

Gamma Beta Phi, along with other Tech student organizations, pledged

their time to making the holidays a little brighter for the less fortunate

families in the Lubbock and South Plains areas.

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versary of the fall of Bonfire. Texas A&M passed throughout the crowd, which united tims. A committee will meet Dec. 6 to discuss the structure of a permanent memorial. "The school has done a great job of re-



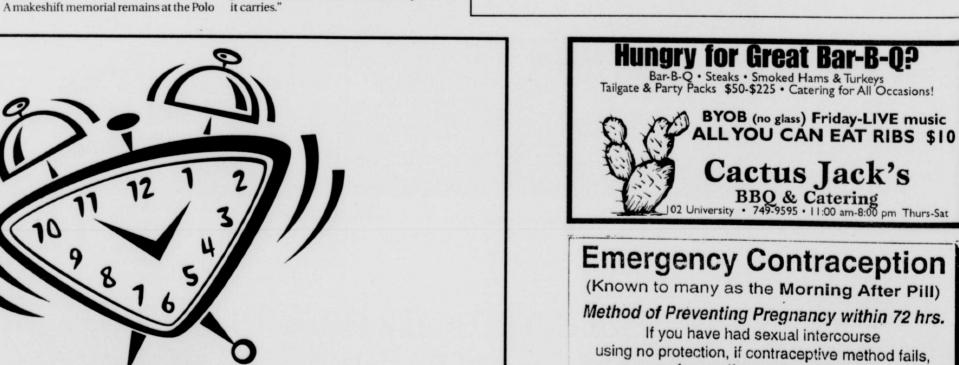
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or for use if sexually assaulted

Tech Theatre performance of family tale spreads message through humor

'You Can't Take it With You' tells story through quirky characters

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

Although the title might imply otherwise, most people leaving the Maegden Theatre after seeing the Texas Tech University Theatre's performance of "You Can't Take it With You," took with them a belly sore from laughing and a knowledge to "not be stingy with the blintzes."

The play, under the direction of Linda Donahue, will continue this weekend.

The comedy is set in the period of recovery after the Great Depression. It centers on a family that most would consider crazed and wild.

The Sycamore family is not your usual type of family. Paul Sycamore, played by David McGinnis and Mr. De Pinna, played by Michael Moore, make fireworks in the basement. Penny Sycamore, played by Janeve Ellison, has been writing plays for eight years because a typewriter was delivered to their door by mistake. Essie, played by Damie Greene, has been training for ballet for eight years and even her grandfather, Martin Vanderhoff, played by Scott Crew, who collects snakes for fun, thinks she isn't getting any better.

The only spot of sanity in this mad family is Alice Sycamore, played by Lisa Comer. She is engaged to the boss' son, Tony Kirby, played by Brad Ballard, and is afraid to have his parents meet her fam-

When the two families do meet, on the wrong day, chaos ensues. Between a visit from an IRS agent for Vanderhoff's failure to pay any income tax for 23 years and Penny deciding to finish her painting of De Pinna as a Roman, Tony and his father, played by Joseph Ginnane, and mother, played by Barbara Morgan, show up to the Sycamore's



Penny (Janeve Ellison) questions Ed (Eric Skiles) on life in a monastery as he prepares to deliver candy in Texas Tech University Theatre's performance of the 1930's comedy classic "You Can't Take it With You." The show runs Nov. 17-19 and 24-26 at the Maegden Theatre.

Kirbys were not prepared for the scene that greeted them.

A visit by police officers and a subsequent visit to the local jail

Needless to say, the well-heeled against her family's and Tony's

The cast and crew did a spectacular job with this play. The set design was superb and helped to draw the causes Alice to decide to take a visit audience closer into the lives of the contact the Texas Tech University

sense of a crazy, loving family that, while may seem mad to some, know more than they let on.

Tickets are \$5 with a Tech ID and \$10 without. For more information,

to the Aarondack Mountains, family. The cast all serve to create a Theatre box office at 742-3603. Dallas museum acquires copyright to significant 1963 home movie footage of John F. Kennedy assassination DALLAS (AP) — The Sixth Floor building, where the Warren Com- the presidential motorcade entering tion of the original film is unknown.

Museum has acquired a first-generation copy and the copyright to the color home movie film shot by the late Orville Nix Sr. in Dealey Plaza during President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The film is considered the second mission reproduced six frames. most important footage of the tragedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Six Floor Museum, which chronicles Kennedy's life and death, overlooks the famous motorcade route. The museum is in the old Texas School Book Depository

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mission said Lee Harvey Oswald positioned himself to gun down the

At the time of the investigation, the FBI used the Nix film to study the assassination and the Warren Com-

Six Floor Museum officials said the Nix film is significant because it was filmed from the reverse angle of Zapruder's film. Nix filmed scenes of

Dealey Plaza, part of the assassination with the grassy knoll in the background and the aftermath sec-

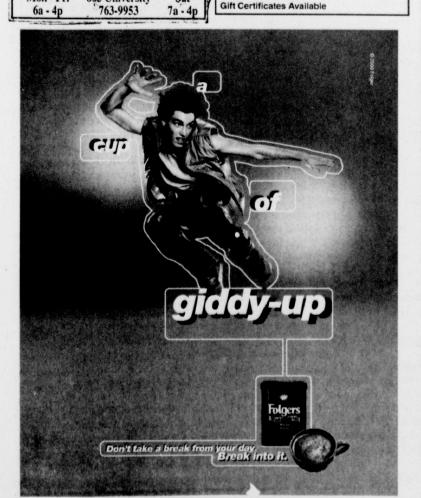
The most famous frames of the film show Jackie Kennedy climbing over the trunk of the presidential limousine and a Secret Service agent climbing onto the back of the vehicle as it sped away from Dealey Plaza.

Sixth Floor officials said the loca-

United Press International purchased it in December 1963, but when UPI returned to the Nix family the copyright, along with several duplicates of the film, the original was

Orville Nix Jr. will speak at the museum Tuesday as part of a panel composed of spectators who captured photographic images of the assassination.

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Rimes seeks to end record deal

DALLAS (AP) - LeAnn Rimes, whose powerful voice catapulted her to superstar status as a child, has filed a lawsuit seeking to void a recording contract signed on her behalf by her parents when she was 12.

The Grammy Award-winning singer, now 18, seeks to break her deal with Nashville, Tenn. - based Curb Records Inc.

She and her mother filed suit earlier this year against her father, asking that \$7 million in earnings she alleges her father and former manager Lyle Walker siphoned off, be returned. Both men have denied the allegations.

The new lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Dallas last week, asks that Curb Records and the entertainment company run by her mother, LeAnn Rimes Entertainment Inc., free her of the 1995 childhood recording contract that brought her first commercial success. She has since sold more than 20 million albums.

"We're not saying ... the record company was taking advantage of her, that it was a bad contract or good contract, but she can tell you she thinks she can do a lot better," her attorney, Tom Rhodus told The Dallas Morning News. "Her career has blossomed, something that couldn't be predicted when she was 12 years old. LeAnn simply wants to be her own person. She wants to speak for herself, and she wants to make her own deals."

Record company attorney John David said he doesn't think she will be able to free herself of the contract because state courts in Nashville, Tenn., and Dallas affirmed it in 1995.

"All I can tell you is that it would be my opinion that she has a valid and binding agreement," David said. "That is the law."

Rimes wants Curb Records to turn over the rights to all her past recording and music-video work, relinquish publishing interests in her compositions and immediately destroy all of her recordings now being distributed.

Rhodus said the federal lawsuit filed last week isn't related to the state-court suit against her father, adding that both suits show Rimes is working to move from child star to an adult capable of making her own career and business decisions.

He argues that because Rimes is 18, she has a right to be released from the contract signed by her

The company that once represented the family's business interests was listed as a defendant for technical reasons, and her mother supports the lawsuit, he

Rhodus said courts have repeatedly thrown out such agreements when an entertainer reaches adulthood and attains the right to manage her own affairs.

Arlington woman named 'Most Gifted Wrapper'

FORT WORTH(AP) — An Arling- nominating her daughter in the congifts into an art — a profitable art at

Ellen Timberlake, 45, won the Most Gifted Wrapper title Friday after a competition in New York City. She won \$10,000 for exhibiting her wrapping prowess.

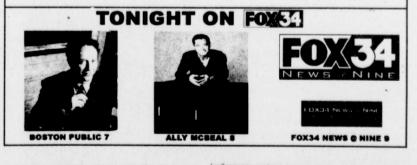
Ellen Timberlake's mother, Terry Timberlake, took home \$1,000 for

ton woman has turned wrapping test, sponsored by Scotch tape maker 3M.

> Contestants wrapped packages ranging from a golf club to a red wagon and a set of drums.

> 'That was the most exciting morning I've ever seen, Terry Timberlake told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It was just a lot







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There are two sides to every election

ere's the challenge: Let's everybody with a dog in this fight — meaning either pro-Gore or pro-Bush - be obliged to make the case for the other side for at least 15 minutes.

Because I think we're watching something important, quite aside from the fate of the nation and the future of The World's Greatest Democracy

(except for Florida).

terribly important case (I may have to eat those words), we're watching why wars start. What we see is the constant presentation - because the media love to polarize - of people who are apparently incapable of imagining what the situation looks like from somebody else's point of

Molly

Is it a lack of empathy, sympathy, imagination? A few years ago, James

In a mild and in some ways not

Carville, the Democratic consultant, wrote a book called "We're Right, They're Wrong," which is a great title. Since I don't believe in objectivity - I think that poor Al Gore won this election fair and square and that the Bushies are trying to spin their way into the White House - I'm not trying to split the difference here, as in, "You know, they could both be right." Possible, but highly unlikely.

What I do think we have here is not an attempt to steal an election by one side or the other but an amazingly tight race that's late in being called precisely because it's so close. All I'm trying to do is budge people off their poisonous certitude.

How would you feel if Gore's younger brother were the governor of Iowa and the top election official there was

Gore's state campaign manager? for stealing close elections and you thought they had done so in the past?

Now here's an interesting example of what's going on: Bill Daley, Gore's top guy, is the son of Da Late Mare of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, a noted practitioner of electoral

With contemptuous anger, many Republicans have bluntly said, as though it were quite as obvious as the nose on your face: Well, all you need to know is that he's Daley's son! Would that argument, or non-argument, pass muster if people weren't so exercised? One might just as logically argue that George W. Bush will raise taxes because his daddy did after saying, "Read my lips, no new

Another interesting facet of this nuttiness is the avidity of the sense of grievance from which many of us suffer. I notice every cheap shot, every mean, petty comment, every anti-Semitic allusion, every nasty, illogical argument made by the Bush people - and then I'm quite astonished when I hear Republicans talk about how nasty and ugly the Democrats are being!

How we seize on cases like Katherine Harris, the Florida secretary of state and Bush partisan; John Ellis, the Bush cousin who helped Fox News first call Florida for Bush, leading to a stampede by other networks.

The counterspin is that the Gore camp is attacking the helpless Harris, smearing her, destroying her reputation a tactic learned, according to The Wall Street Journal's perpetually apoplectic editorial writers, from the dread Bill Clinton himself; the same tactic, said the Journal, "used against FTC investigator Jean Lewis, Kathleen Willey, Linda Tripp and Billy Dale, to name only a few."

Oh, I don't know - couldn't we get a bye on Linda

The perfect point at which to contemplate what prejudice does to judgment is the matter of hand count vs. machine count.

Have you persuaded yourself that one or the other is the perfect, impeccable way to decide this election? Even better, are you for the hand count in one place and against it in another? To point out the perfectly obvious, machine counts err, consistently, and hand counts are subjective. Duh.

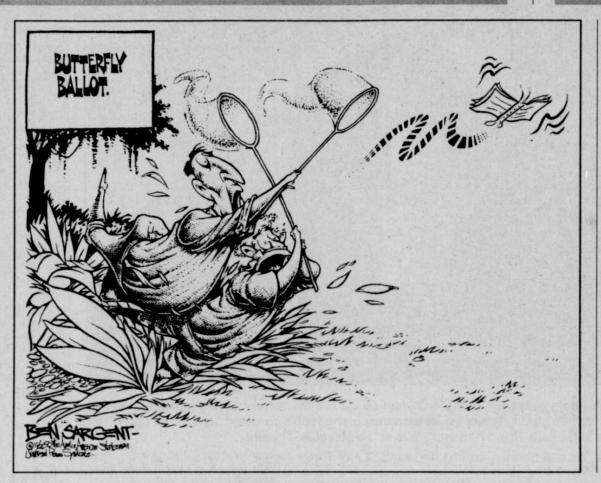
Notice also the tendency that we all have to see our favored side as slightly blundering and clueless, overmatched by a ruthless, desperate, unscrupulous camp on the other side.

Have you considered the possibility that both the Gore and the Bush camps are just muddling through this as

The good news is coming from the campuses and even high schools. The kids are into it! All the poly-sci teachers are ecstatic. And we may actually get something besides the low-bid voting machines for the next election. Besides, we all know what the Electoral College is now.

Al has stopped wearing earth tones. George W. is doing himself a great deal of good by not talking. We will make it through this without riot, bloodshed or civil war. So just for the intellectual interest of it, try advocating

for the other side for 15 minutes. Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-



Letters to the Editor

A little humble pie

To the editor: The motivation for this letter stems from a number of complaints regarding both Chancellor Montford's \$10,000 move and the renaming of the Law School. I would first like to challenge those students with a problem regarding either of these issues to avoid using any of the recently renovated campus facilities such as the library and others. Our students whine and complain because they feel like they have been given some sort of raw deal and aren't being treated properly. Yet these are the same students who demand improvements among existing services and programs. Raising the funds to compete with Tier 1 schools takes effort, and since John Montford has come to Tech, there have been more improvements than at any other time in the school's history. Sometimes life just isn't fair, and sometimes you have to realize that those in charge are there for a reason. If we want to compete at the Tier 1 level, we must take the steps to do so. I guess we all want the American dream but just can't stand it when the real world and the money that runs it decides to get involved. So once again, if you don't like the fact that alumni are giving to improve your school, don't take advantage of the improvements. I'm sure there are plenty of other students who will.

Sean Cunningham graduate student

Reflections from the airport

The airplane was an awesome idea. But whoever came up with airlines was probably one of those old, drunken, raving lunatics that sits in a remote cabin living off Jack Daniels and sardines, dreaming of ways to pay back the society they feel wronged them.

As I tried to return from Washington, D.C., I learned to hate whoever did come up with this whole airline idea with a burning red passion.



Brandon **Formby**

"Why?" I ask.

Washington-Reagan to D/FW International is supposed to leave in 45 minutes. As the airlines suggest, I am checking in well ahead of time. But as I give the lady behind the counter my ticket, she raises an eyebrow and looks suspiciously at the computer.

2:47 p.m. — After two minutes of typing and weird looks, she finally says, "I'm sorry, you've been dropped from that flight."

"Well, you never left Dallas, so you were

automatically dropped from this flight." I think for a minute. She thinks I never left Dallas.

But I'm in Washington, D.C. OK, wait. If I never left Dallas, wouldn't I be in Dallas still? But I'm not. I stare at her, trying to burn a hole in her head, wondering how she thinks I got to her ticket

2:53 p.m. - I'm still staring. She is staring back. Obviously, she thinks I never left Dallas, and am somehow not even really standing there.

2:54 p.m. - "What do you mean I never left Dallas?" I ask. "I have my ticket right here." She looks at the ticket. Then replies, "Well, my computer shows you never left Dallas.

2:55 p.m. - I retort, "Well, I didn't walk to Washington from Dallas. And I'm standing right here in front of you." I look over at Wayne, the guy I'm traveling with. He's run into the same problem. He never left Dallas, either. He looks like someone ran over his dog, then backed the car up and hit it

2:56 p.m. - A supervisor is now involved. She types furiously. She looks for flights.

2:58 p.m. — The supervisor finally finds something. "OK," she says, "All I can do is put you on a flight to Dallas that is boarding right now. There's a flight leaving D/FW for Lubbock at 10:40. You can try and get on standby on an earlier flight, but your luggage will be on the 10:40 plane to Lubbock no matter what."

"How long is the layover?" I ask.

"Five hours," she says. We take the flight, and go to find our plane that is

now boarding. I wonder what I will do for five hours in the Dallas airport. Maybe I could walk to Lubbock, like they think I did to Washington, D.C.

3:06 p.m. — As we board, the attendants tell us to pick up a bag on the way to the plane. There's a huge freezer-looking thing that is holding about 3,482 bags. They're called "Bistro Bags." This is our meal.

3:23 p.m. - The plane has barely taken off. The Bistro Bag was a sorry excuse for a meal. Just one notch higher than dorm food on the culinary scale, it contained a bag of chips, some sort of dried fruit my taste buds didn't recognize, a brownie that looks like it could cause lifetime constipation, and a

sandwich on dry, parched bread. There were no vegetables. Just meat and bread and Dijonaise. I hate Dijon mustard. I hate mayonnaise. I hate their hybrid condiment even worse.

3:35 p.m. - Deciding I will not sit in the Dallas airport for five hours, I call a friend of mine from the plane. He agrees to meet Wayne and I at the airport so we can cruise Dallas during the layover.

5:30 p.m. - We're finally in Dallas, back in the We leave the airport and for a few, heavenly hours find real food (no Dijonaise required), a few drinks and a Starbucks.

9:00 p.m. — Time to leave for the airport. The entire ride back is silent. Wayne and I are scared. We're tired. We're afraid. I wonder if I should just

9:40 p.m. - Our flight is supposed to leave on time. We walk around the airport looking at souvenirs, magazines, newspapers. Anything really. We walk by one terminal where the boarding agent announces that boarding for flight "14-Oops-16" will begin soon. I wonder if anyone should really get on a plane whose flight number has the word "oops" in it. That's almost asking for disaster.

10:15 p.m. — After waiting at our gate, it's time to * leave. Only, we're not getting on a plane. We're getting on a bus that will take us to the plane. As we line up for the bus, the boarding agent asks where I'm going. I tell her Lubbock. She tells me "M." I'm confused.

"M?" I ask.

"Yes, M," she replies. "Wait, M?"

"Yes," she says almost annoyed now. "M as in

"What is M?" "Your gate."

"I thought this was my gate." 'No, there will be one more.'

Still a little confused, I get on the shuttle bus. Wayne looks at me. Now he looks like someone whose dog was run over twice, house was burned, and grandparents were dug up from their graves. At this point, I am beginning to get that Charles Manson look in my eyes. I contemplate buying a ranch and recruiting runaways. And never flying

10:19 p.m. — The shuttle bus has pulled up to what can only be described as a mini-airport. It is a small hangar out in the middle of the runway. The real airport looms off a little bit. Suddenly I miss the

10:20 p.m. - We enter the Mini-Me-airport and see even more gates. I realize our original gate was just a gate to many more gates. My head spins. I

10:30 p.m. - While sitting in "M," the boarding agent assures us our flight will be here shortly, as well as the flight to College Station. I look around. I'm sharing "M" with Aggies.

10:45 p.m. - Again, the boarding agent assures us our flight will be here shortly.

11:00 p.m. - I approach the counter. I ask the group of people behind it when we will be boarding. '20 minutes," one of them replies.

11:20 p.m. - Nothing has happened. I am no longer entertaining thoughts of buying the ranch and starting a compound. I've already made some calls about it. Wayne's eyes are so bloodshot no one

will sit next to him. 11:23 p.m. - I approach the counter again. They tell me 10 minutes.

11:33 p.m. — Again, I go up to the counter. They tell me the plane is here, has been here for awhile, but we have to wait for the College Station people to leave the gate first. I tell them they should never make anyone wait for Aggies. I realize my voice growled when I said it and my eyes glowed red. I walk back to my seat in the gate as they call security to keep an eye on me.

people to get on their plane so we can use the gate, I look around. Gates "K," "L," and "N" are empty. I look over at Wayne. He is in a coma. A Bistro Bag sounds pretty good right about now. Hell, I'd settle for a couple packets of Dijonaise.

11:53 p.m. - Finally, we board. Some guy behind me, not trusting his bags to be checked, has 34 carry-on items, each the size of a small country. We must wait for him.

12:05 a.m. - We are leaving Dallas. But the computer probably shows we're still there. Some people sob, quietly. Others share airline anecdotes and terrible stories about traveling. For a short while, we are all comrades. All victims of airlines. All tired and hungry, but in this thing together. We have an unspoken unity.

12:58 a.m. - We will be in Lubbock soon. We are happy. We laugh and smile and offer each other leftovers from our Bistro Bags. We are a connected group. One for all and all for one.

1:33 a.m. — We have landed. The unity is broken. We struggle to get off the plane. There is biting and yelling and screaming and blood. The guy with the 34 carry-on bags is holding us up. An old lady tries to cut in front of me. I grab her by the hair and slam her head into an exit door. I push ahead, struggling to get off the plane. I open one of the overhead luggage compartments and empty it into the aisle, to deter my fellow passengers.

1:51 a.m. - Waiting by the luggage carrousel, we all tend to our wounds. My shirt is torn. The guy with all the carry-on bags had to be airlifted to the nearest hospital. The passengers could not wait for him any longer.

2:08 a.m. — All of the luggage has been sent to the carousal. All four bags. Wayne begins to cry. I join him. One man jumps down the luggage shoot, screaming something about civil rights. The airport is dead except for us. We head to the ticket counter, where one man stands, the only employee in the

airport, it seems. 2:28 a.m. — We have been led back into catacomb-like offices littered with bags and luggage. We search for our bags, which, for some reason made it here before us. It probably walked.

2:34 a.m. - I have found all our bags and dragged them through the maze of offices out into the open. I make them into a pile and stand on top of them, pounding my chest, proud of my achievement. Small children begin crying. Wayne

goes to a pay phone to call his brother. 2:41 a.m. — Wayne claims there are 3,293 pay phones in the airport, yet only one of them works, and you have to stand on your head to be able to hear what the other person is saying.

2:45 a.m. — Our ride should be here any minute. It is exactly 12 hours since we checked in at the D.C. airport. We definitely should have walked.

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Raider volleyball upsets Texas A&M

■ Tech improved its record against ranked teams to 2-4 with the win over the Aggies.

> By Matt Muench Staff Writer

Records were falling and emotions were flying Saturday in the Hub

Trash talking was occurring and fingers were pointing.

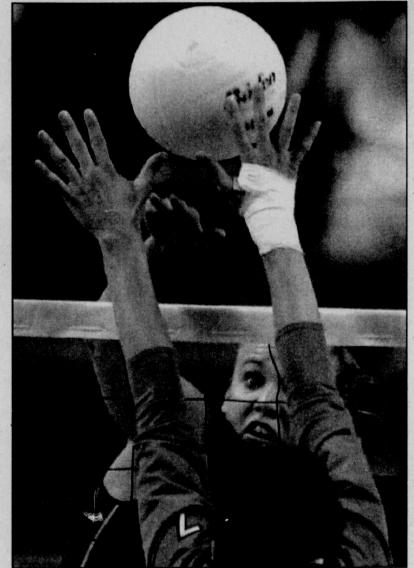
But in the end, it was the Texas Tech volleyball team that came out on top upsetting No.23 Texas A&M in a five-game thriller (10-15, 15-11,12-15, 15-9, 15-13) at the United Spirit Arena.

Although the Red Raiders beat and upset one of their rivals, the important fact to be noted is Tech may have made a strong case for an atlarge bid in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Nov. 30. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he

believes the win Saturday was the clincher for the Raiders (23-7 overall, 11-7 Big 12 Conference) to get into postseason play.

"I don't know how they can keep us out after this," Nelson said. "I think we played a great match, and I think that we will absolutely be in."

Coming into the match, the Raiders were 1-4 against nationallyranked teams, and Nelson said he believed Tech had to get complete performances out of everyone to defeat the nationally-ranked Aggies (17-8 overall, 12-6 Big 12).



Tech outside hitter Ann Romjue goes for a spike in the Red Raiders' five-game upset win against Texas A&M.

ceived many noteworthy perfor- Skydra Orzen tallied 91 assists, her Looking at the statistics, Tech remances during the victory. Junior second 90 assist match of the sea-

Lady Raiders open regular season against Texas-Arlington

son, giving her 1,538 on the season, breaking Lisa Hilgers' 1995 mark of 1,537, while sophomore Ann Romjue set the single match school record with 36 digs.

"It is just part of the game to have a record," said Romjue, who is still battling a sore ankle. "It is nice and fun, but I just do anything to help the

On the offensive side, senior Colleen Smith and sophomore Melissa McGehee both recorded 30-plus

Smith contributed a match high 33, while McGehee set a career mark

McGehee said if the Raiders were going to win the match, the team had to come together and everyone had to step up.

"If everyone plays together we can beat anybody," McGehee said. "It was a great team performance, and it was a very fun match to play because everyone was contribut-

Most notably, the Tech defense may have contributed the most.

All season long the Tech defense has played consistently and Saturday the Raiders ended up with six players in double figures in the dig

In addition to Romjue's outing, McGehee tallied 21, Orzen added 17, junior Heather Hughes-Justice racked up 18, junior Kate Jury contributed 16 and freshman Jana Kubalova chipped in 11.

Jury also added a team high five blocks.

"We are a great defensive team," Romjue said.

'We play with the 'go after it' attitude, and we were just making great plays out there."

Down 1-2 going into a decisive game four, Tech rebounded and jumped on the Aggies by grabbing an 11-4 advantage off the swing of Smith, McGehee and senior Janelle Jones who finished with 16 kills and four blocks.

The Aggies held on as long as they could until a pair of kills by Romjue and McGehee sent the match to

"We had a lot of momentum after that win and that gave us so much more confidence," Nelson

'We knew after that, we had no doubt."

Down 11-10 to the Aggies in the final stanza, and with all hope of victory almost lost, Smith put two balls away and added a block to give Tech a 13-11 lead.

After an Aggie hitting error, McGehee clinched the match for Tech with a kill right by the heads of Aggie defenders.

Nelson said he felt Tech was going to win game five at that point because he had his two best hitters on the outside due to rotation man-

We felt like we had two swings for the win, and we knew one of them would get the kill," he said. "That was what happened and we won the match.'

The Tech volleyball squad has two more Big 12 conference contests remaining on its regular season schedule.

The Red Raiders will travel to Nebraska on Wednesday to face the Cornhuskers.

Tech will close out its regular season with a home battle against the Iowa State Cyclones on at 7 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Dottie Pepper takes LPGA season finale

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Doubled over in pain from an upset stomach, Dottie Pepper had enough strength left to jubilantly raise both arms and celebrate victory Sunday in the season-ending Arch Wireless Championship.

In warm, blustery winds that turned the final round into survival, Pepper trusted her putter to close with a 1under 71.

She won her duel with Annika Sorenstam, and cruised home to a three-stroke victory over Rachel Hetherington.

It was her first victory of a season marred by injuries to her back and wrist, so it was only fitting that Pepper had one last hurdle to clear - a bad stomach, brought on by oysters she ate Saturday night.

"I had nothing left," Pepper said. "That was as hard-fought a day as you can have to get something you really want.



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CLASSIFIED WORD ADS

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

Although the Lady Raider basketball team has seven new faces on their squad this year, a new point guard and just two returning start- 2000-2001 campaign at 7 p.m. today

Pierson said the attitude is the same

Pierson and her teammates will try and put that philosophy into effect when Texas Tech opens the

ers, sophomore post Plenette at the United Spirit Arena against Texas-Arlington.

We are excited and ready to go," said Pierson, who was last year's Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year. "We have some new faces, and we are still trying to get used to

everybody's style of play. But we fell pretty confident at this point."

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said tonight's contest with the Mavericks will give the Lady Raiders a chance to work on some question marks.

"It is time, and I am real excited how her young players will play.

to get started," Sharp said. "After a point, there is only so much you can is time to play someone different and see what happens."

Sharp said she is anxious to see

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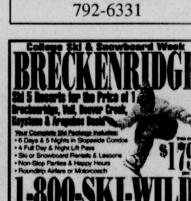
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■ Texas Tech ended its regular season with a 7-5 record under first year coach Mike Leach.

> By Patrick Gonzales Staff Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — They moved the ball at will and noticeably slowed down one of the best offenses in the nation. Yet once again, none of it seemed to matter for the Texas Tech football team.

For the third time this season, a slew of untimely mistakes ruined another Red Raider upset bid that was there for the taking.

In the end, Tech suffered its fourth loss in its last six games, falling to the No. 1-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, 27-13, on Saturday in front of 75,364 fans at Memorial Stadium.

The defeat marked the end of the regular season for the Red Raiders (7-5 overall, 3-5 Big 12), who will now await a bowl game that will most likely be the Sanford Independence Bowl Dec. 31 or the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston on Dec. 27.

"This is probably as hard of game as we have played," said Tech coach Mike Leach, who served as OU's offen-

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were an awful lot of opportunities that I felt like we should have scored. I don't know about every time, because (Oklahoma) is pretty tough out there. That's how they got where they are."

Tech's loss to the Sooners, however, may have been its toughest to swallow as the Red Raiders outplayed the nation's top team for most of the contest.

In fact, Tech tallied more passing yards and forced the

OU scoring machine to a season high four turnovers. But when the Red Raiders had their

opportunities to score, they failed to Altogether, the Tech offense

crossed into Oklahoma territory 10 times, only to score a touchdown and two field goals Most of the Red Raiders lost oppor-

tunities came in the first quarter when they outgained the Sooners 110 to 62. On Oklahoma's first possession of

the game, the Sooners traveled 37 yards on five plays only to have a 28yard field goal attempt blocked by Tech defensive tackle Kris Kocurek.

The football was recovered by John Norman, then lateraled to Derrick Briggs, who returned the pigskin 29 vards to the Tech 45.

The Red Raiders drove the ball down to the OU 20-yard line in their next eight plays, but on the ensuing snap, quarterback Kliff Kingsbury was intercepted by J. T. Thatcher, who re-

sive coordinator last season. "There turned the ball 85 yards for the touch-

"We moved the ball well, but when we got inside the 30, and in the red zone on one of our drives, we didn't do very well," Kingsbury said. "That

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interception for a touchdown really hurt us, but I'm proud of the way we bounced back and never gave

And the big OU play did fail to deflate the Tech offense.

On their TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL COACH next two possessions, the Red Raiders sustained two long drives to within the OU 35-yard line, only to

> fourth down attempts. In the contest, Tech tallied 330 total yards compared to 384 by the Soon-

> be turned back on a pair of failed

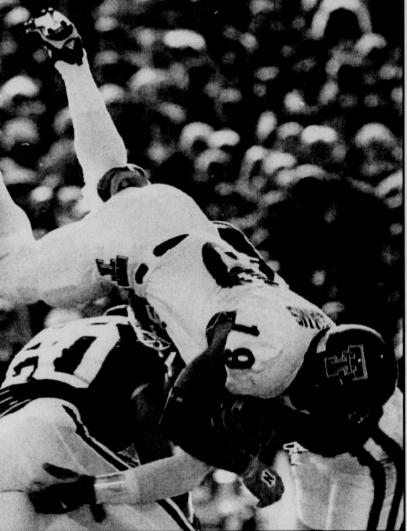
The Red Raiders pulled to within 7-3 on a 42-yard field goal by Chris Birkholz, that was set up by a fumble recovery by Marquis Turner on a muffed punt.

Tech did not score again until early in the fourth quarter on a 19-yard field goal by Birkholz.

On their ensuing possession, the Red Raiders added their only touchdown of the contest on a 15-yard strike to receiver Tim Baker from Kingsbury to pull within 21-13 with 7:13 remain-

But on their next possession, the Sooners, led by the precision passing of Josh Heupel, sealed the victory with a 12 play, 71-yard touchdown drive.

The backbreaking drive came after



Texas Tech running back Shaud Williams is upended at the end of a run in the Red Raiders' 27-13 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday in Norman, Okla.

the Tech defense had forced OU to an interception and a three and out in its two previous possessions.

The Red Raider held the Sooners to their lowest point total this season, but it still wasn't enough.

"They don't have any blatant weaknesses, you just have to keep coming at them and make a little bit happen each time," Leach said. "Then they just bleed you. That's what I think happened to us."

Florida State forced to play waiting game

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) -Bobby Bowden has been down this national championship trail before.

The Florida State coach knows all he can do now is sit back on his comfy couch, watch the season play out over the next two weeks and wait for a computer to give him the final answer to: Who will play for the Bowl Championship Series' national title in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3?

"I think we've done everything we can do," Bowden said Sunday morning, hours after his third-ranked Seminoles closed their regular season with a 30-7 victory over Florida, which dropped from No. 4 to No. 7 in the new AP poll. "From what I've seen of the computer, a win over No. 4 is bigger than a win over unranked. If it doesn't work out, it just doesn't work out.

"I think we deserve it."

When the latest BCS standings are released Monday, expect Oklahoma (10-0) to remain in first place and Florida State (11-1) to jump Miami (9-1) and move into second place. The top two teams in the final BCS standings Dec. 3 play in the Orange Bowl. The Hurricanes, who beat the Seminoles 27-24 on Oct. 7, also won convincingly Saturday, 26-0 at Syracuse. If Miami somehow remains second in the BCS standings, then beats Boston College, Florida State becomes a long shot to reach the title game. Unless, of course, Oklahoma loses to either Oklahoma State next week or to Kansas State in the Big 12 title game Dec. 2.

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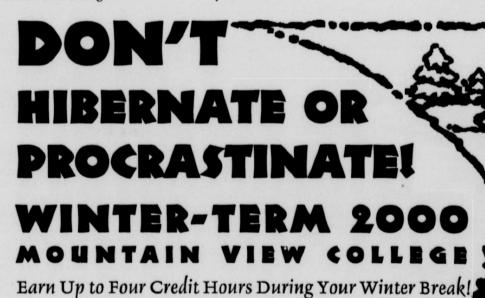
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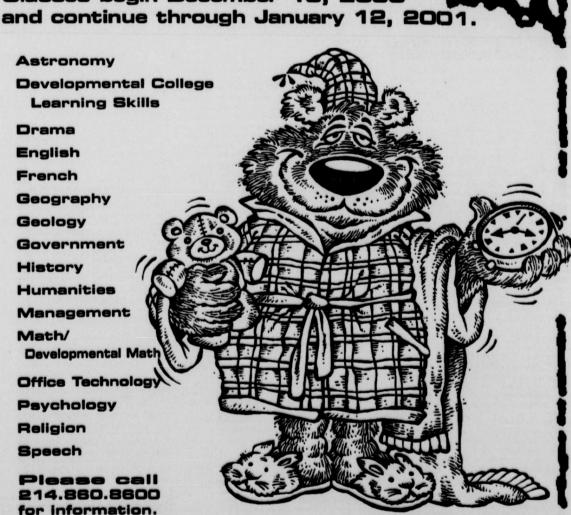
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