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Plane collision kills two near Houston

KATY (AP) — Two people were killed after two planes collided in mid-air Sunday and caused one of them to crash into a stretch of Interstate 10 west of Houston,

authorities said. "Two planes collided in the air, and one plane came down," said Mayda Ibarra, a spokeswoman for the Waller County Sheriff's

Department. She said the incident occurred about 5:30 p.m. and investigators were en route to the scene.

Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said a portion of the highway remained closed while crews cleared wreckage from the downed plane.

He said the two victims were in the crashed airplane. He did not know if there were others aboard.

Vinger, who described the aircraft as "smaller planes," said the other plane managed to land safely at West Houston Airport.

NATIONAL

Disturbed Anglicans challenge liberalists

ROSEMONT, Pa. (AP) -Anglican archbishops disturbed by the Episcopal Church USA's liberal views on homosexuality held their own confirmation service Sunday in a challenge to the denomination's American leadership.

The presiding bishops of Kenya, Uganda, Congo, and Sydney, Australia — as well as delegates sent by other bishops attended the service in suburban Philadelphia. They object to the practice by the Episcopal Church, the U.S. branch of Anglicanism, of ordaining active homosexuals and allowing clergy to bless same-sex unions.

Some 70 youths and adults were confirmed at the service, led by Archbishop Maurice Sinclair of Argentina, at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Among them was 18-year-old Emily Lugo, who said she was "really honored to be a part of

"It's encouraging to know that there are other churches as conservative as we are," she said.

Bishop Charles Bennison of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, who attended the service, said he met with Sinclair on Saturday.

WORLD

President confronts Irani law violators

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - President Mohammad Khatami on Sunday accused his hard-line opponents of constitutional violations and said he was powerless to stop them his first such statement since his 1997 election and the clearest sign yet of the ongoing power struggle

"I declare that after 3 1/2 years as president, I don't have sufficient powers to implement the constitution, which is my biggest responsibility," said Khatami, a moderate who has been an extremely popular president. "In practice, the president is unable to stop the trend of violations or force implementation of the constitution."

Khatami, addressing a conference on the constitution, said he deliberately has refrained from elaborating on the anti-constitutional activities of his opponents to "avoid tension." He warned, however, that he would report to the nation at the end of his fourvear term.

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Certification equals Bush gratification

Democrats vow to contest election after results yield Republicans victorious

(AP) — Florida's secretary of state certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote - but court contests left in doubt which man will be the ultimate victor and 43rd president of the United States. Bush said he had won the White House and asked Gore to reconsider his challenges.

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"Now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count," Gov. Bush said from the state capitol in Austin, after Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a campaign supporter, announced that he had captured Florida by an infinitesimal 537-vote margin.

Bush announced that running mate Dick Cheney will direct transition operations in Washington, with former Secretary of

Transportation Andrew Card will be his White House chief of staff. So saying, Bush tried to preempt Gore with a campaign to persuade Americans that the election is over with, and that the

outcome announced in Florida should be the last word. Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, already had declared that it won't be, declaring that he and Gore had no choice but to challenge the Florida certification.



"The election was close," Bush said, "but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored to have won the state of Florida,

which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election." Moments after Republican Harris declared Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes at a ceremony in Tallahassee, Lieberman said she had certified "an incomplete and in-

accurate count" and he and Gore would challenge it. But Bush, in a nationally-televised address from Austin,

said "I respectfully ask" that Gore reconsider further contesting the hair-line Florida count.

If the certification of a 537-vote Bush margin stands, the Texas governor would win 271 electoral college votes — one more than necessary for victory - to 267 for Gore.

Harris said Bush had 2,912,790 votes and Gore had 2,912,253. That gave Bush the 537-vote lead out of 6 million cast, although Harris rejected partial returns from Palm Beach County. An unofficial AP tally including recounted Palm Beach County votes showed Bush ahead by 357.

The secretary of state's formal declaration, which set off GOP cheers outside the Florida capital and at the state capitol in

"Accordingly, on behalf of the state elections canvassing commission and in accordance with the laws of the state of Florida, I hereby declare Governor George W. Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes.

Lieberman said, "The integrity of our self-government" could be cast into doubt without Democratic steps to get the most complete and accurate count possible.

Contract

deal soon

expected

Citibus officials are

three-year extension.

Staff Writer

verge of signing a three-year agree-

ment to continue the bus service on

campus and along other routes to

campus. Previously, all contracts be-

tween the two entities have been for

ings," said Ryan Weller, external vice

president of the Student Government

Association. "Citibus is who we always

go with, and they have always been

great to work with. They are giving us

continue the running of 21 buses

throughout the Tech campus and

along the additional off-campus

at \$945,375 for the 2001-2002 aca-

demic year and would end at

\$1,012,519 at the end of the 2003-

2004 academicyear. If additional buses are added to the routes, this

Costs for the service would start

routes until 2004.

a great deal which saves us money." The contract, if signed, would

"(The new contract) is a cost sav-

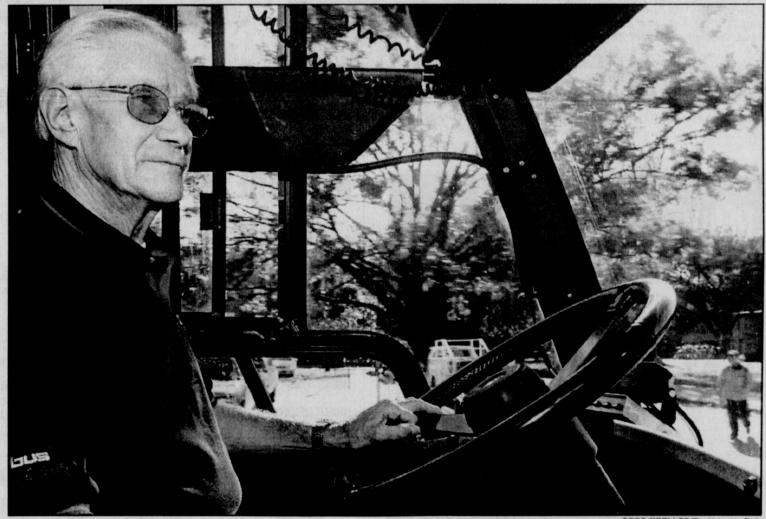
one year.

Texas Tech and Citibus are on the

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close to signing a

In the driver's seat



Bill Davis, a Citibus driver on the Indiana Avenue and Fourth Street routes, makes his daily rounds on the Texas Tech campus. Davis said that although his duties are the same every day, he is not bored with his job in any way.

Bus Boys

Citibus employees praise Texas Tech students for making jobs worthwhile

By Whitney Wyatt Staff Writer

t takes 10.2 miles and 40 minutes for Gerald Grant to complete a normal route, which he drives more than 50 times every week. Some people might find this routine, but Grant doesn't.

"Driving a bus has a routine to it, but really it is anything but routine," he said. Something different happens every time." Grant drives the West Fourth Street route

Monday through Friday for Texas Tech, but said he doesn't find himself bored while completing his rounds.

A retired musician, Grant played the trumpet in Las Vegas for 40 years. Originally from Petersburg, northeast of Lubbock, he moved back to Texas to spend time with his

"I wanted something to do," Grant said. He enjoys talking with people, so he thought it would be interesting to drive for Tech

"Tech is very diverse - there are students from all different backgrounds and locations, some are outgoing and some are studious," he said.

He said he welcomes the chance to meet new faces and thinks highly of Tech students. Bill Davis, who drives the Indiana, Fourth Street and the West Fourth Street

routes, said he feels the same way. "I enjoy the students," he said, "that is

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price could increase. Weller anticipates the contract will save Tech \$84,000 during the three-year period. The contract would keep much of the already existing bus service the

same, but would allow Tech more flexibility in the scheduling of a possible extra bus along the West Fourth Street route and also would lock in fuel costs for the next three years. If fuel prices increase during that time, Tech still would be charged the already agreed upon rate.

According to the Citibus-Tech

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Councilman: Minorities unlikely for Tech vacancies

By Angel Wolfe Staff Writer

Lubbock City Councilman Victor Hernandez said he does not believe Texas Tech will have any new minority leaders after the deputy chancellor and five vice

president positions are filled. Hernandez has asked Tech

a minority to replace Mike Moses as deputy chancellor of external affairs after he leaves in January.

Texas Tech is in a unique position in the community," Hernandez said. "Not only is it the largest employer, but it also has great impact on every facet.'

"A strong message will be sent to Lubbock and the region that it is a smart thing to do," he said. "Texas

Tech is at a cross roads."

Hernandez is focusing on the deputy chancellor and vice president positions in hopes that it produces a trickle-down effect.

"If you start at the top, it sends such a strong signal and the rest will fall into place," he said.

Another point Hernandez said he wanted to clarify is that he is not including women into his classifi-

cation of minority.

"I want to make very clear the fact that people of Hispanic descent, African descent or Asian descent, none of us include women as a minority," he said. "Many times folk will say 'hire women' but the fact is that too often they use the criteria with minority much to the disservice to the community.

Tech's organizational chart al-

ready has a number of white women, Hernandez said. He said he does not believe hiring more white women is the answer to the university's lack of minority employees.

Realistically, Hernandez said he does not believe Montford or President David Schmidly will do much to change the color of Tech's lead-

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Tech moves to take over El Paso center

EL PASO (AP) — Texas Tech could soon take over operations of the struggling El Paso Psychiatric Center, where budget shortfalls have frequently forced the facility to close its doors.

A proposal is being discussed by state and Tech officials.

If approved, new services would be added to the 52-bed, nonprofit center. Under the new agreement, Tech would manage and staff the hospital. The hospital would continue to be state-owned.

Neither state nor Tech officials would disclose the financial deal un-

der negotiation, but the center's current executive director says it is close to the \$8.8 million the center is seeking from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for this fiscal year.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to stabilize that hospital finally," said Manuel de la Rosa, regional dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso. "But we can't do it without the appropriate resources, and we want to

Tech management could be in place in the next 60 to 90 days, de la Rosa said in Saturday's editions of the El Paso Times.

Officials say Tech will keep the current psychiatric team in place at the hospital.

Before the hospital opened, local mental-health advocates complained that families had to drive 300 miles to Big Spring for care. But, the hospital has since been plagued by financial troubles and has cut its beds from the original 85.

Some patients still must drive out of the county for treatment, and the bed shortage has forced patients to wait in acute-care hospital emer-

the student services fee committee

gency rooms, sometimes for days, until they can be admitted to the psychiatric center.

The Tech plan calls for several new programs to ease patient backlog. Among them is a crisis stabilization unit where psychotic or suicidal patients would be medicated and under observation for several hours, said Jim Laible, Tech's vice president for health care systems.

The hospital also would house an alcohol- and drug-treatment program to ease the shortage of detox beds in El Paso.

she thought the service benefited

many of the tenants at her apart-

complex are almost 100 percent stu-

dents, of whom, about 95 percent

probably ride the bus to school," she

said. "It would be up to our corpo-

rate office whether to pay for the ser-

vice, but I think the students would

sign the contract will be made this

week or in the first week of Decem-

ber. Before the contract can be

implemented, it must first be ap-

proved by the Board of Regents,

Weller said the final decision to

like to see the service continue."

"The tenets at our apartment

ment complex.

President David Schmidly wants more involvement for campus activities. In an effort to help his cause, he has created the Pride and Pageantry committee that includes staff, faculty, ex-stu-

Committee formed

to boost Tech pride

By Angel Wolfe

Staff Writer

dents and community members.

ecutive assistant, Gene Binder, as

co-chairman, and his wife, Janet

Schmidly, as co-chairwoman.

More than 80 people were asked

breakfast recently that about 70

quite able to get with the pro-

gram," Binder said. "We want to

re-invigorate the traditions that

has made Tech such a great uni-

Other universities are using

"The group had wonderful

pride and pageantry and Binder

said the president believes Tech

ideas on how to increase fan at-

tendance and increase school

spirit so people will enjoy coming

mittee with hopes of making ath-

letic weekends more of a family

Schmidly created this com-

"President Schmidly has a re-

The committee held a kick-off

"They are willing, ready and

to join the committee.

members attended

versity over the years.

to games," Binder said.

event for everyone.

should as well.

Schmidly appointed his ex-

feel where we are and where we going are and how we are going to get there,' Binder said. "Everything

During the breakfast, Binder said the group brainstormed about the types of action that should surround Tech football

Mrs. Schmidly said the goals of the committee are to develop more pride as well as student and community involvement in all

of the whole experience.'

expected to be at the meeting. "They are very dedicated," she

is going to rise

bringing back family.'

weekends.

campus activities. "We would like to target key people to head committee from the community and student body, to hear their ideas," she

"The surrounding towns are very dedicated and love Texas Tech. We want them to feel apart

The next committee meeting will be in December. Mrs. Schmidly said ex-students from the Dallas and Houston area are

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proposal, hourly rates for the buses would increase by \$1 over the next three years, beginning at \$35.15 in the 2001-2002 year and ending at \$37.15 for the 2003-2004 school year. Currently, the hourly rate is \$35.

The additional bus would help out during peak times," Weller said. "Part of the request we made with Citibus is that if classes at Tech change to where they are not so morning loaded, we will have the option of eliminating the bus. This just gives us more flexibility."

ers. "If I was a betting man, I

wouldn't bet anything," Hernandez

said. "I realize that change is some-

thing that sometimes takes a gen-

Montford said he does not feel

obligated to hire a minority to fill

the position of deputy chancellor.

He said despite some reports, he is

planning to hire or appoint a re-

ing to fill the position," he said.

"I'm not ready to appoint some-

Montford said he would make the

appropriate moves to place some-

one in the position while a search

committee looks for a permanent

replacement. He also said he does

not feel pressured by the City

"President Schmidly and I are

Council to hire a minority

"I'm 100 percent sure I am go-

Aas Moses winds his term down,

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eration to accomplish.

placement for Moses.

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Weller said by signing a multiyear contract, Tech also would gain grounds to expand on other features related to buses - such as the bus shelters.

Weller said if the contract is signed, Tech would be in a better position to construct bus shelters at apartment complexes.

When the contracts were signed on a yearly basis, the usage of the shelters for the next year would not be guaranteed.

We also would have some grounds to put a shelter up at Wal-Mart (on Fourth Street), since the shelter will be up for three years."

striving to have a more diverse rep-

resentation at Texas Tech, but as

with any search, we are going to

look for the most qualified," he

table for when he will appoint

someone as interim deputy chan-

Montford has not made a time-

While no search committee has

been established for the position,

five search committees are wind-

ing down their searches and send-

ing suggestions to Schmidly for

"All five committees have given

Four preliminary interviews

were conducted before the

Thanksgiving holiday and in-

cluded several minority candi-

the most qualified people for the

positions," Schmidly said. "It's our

responsibility to look for good,

Schmidly said hiring women is

quality minority candidates.'

"It's our responsibility to hire

vice president positions.

me a short list," he said.

One aspect of the Citibus service

thinks may need to be revised in the future is the cost of providing the service to off-campus locations along West Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue The committee is looking into the

possibility of apartment complexes along these routes to help subsidize the costs of the off-campus bus service. If implemented, the plan would allow residents of the apartment complexes not to have to pay for the bus routes until the end of thee-year

Kimberley McClure, manager at Stratford Apartments, said she had not heard about the idea, but said

"I want to have a diverse man-

agement team that includes

women," he said. "It should in-

clude women, Hispanics, African

sitions open, including vice presi-

dent for institutional advance-

ment, fiscal affairs, student affairs,

research graduate studies and

technology transfer and informa-

to have the appointments made

before the end of the fall semester.

Now, he said, they should be com-

plete before the spring semester

ranging schedules," he said. "I

think we'll wait until after the first

tional advancement is responsible

for all major gifts in excess of \$1

million to the university, according

The vice president of institu-

of the year to bring finalists."

to the Tech Web site.

'The only difficulty has been ar-

Schmidly originally had hoped

tion technology

begins.

There are five vice president po-

one of his top priorities.

which meets again Dec 14-15. The vice president for fiscal affairs is the chief financial officer for the university and is responsible for managing, directing and controlling the financial affairs of the

university, according to the Tech

Web page. The vice president for student affairs will be the senior student affairs officer responsible for administration coordination, development management and planning of the university policies, programs and services related to campus life and student development, accord-

ing to the Tech Web site. The Web site listed the duties for vice president for research graduate studies and technology transfer to involve advancing the research mission.

The vice president of information technology is the chief information officer for the university. The primary responsibility of this position is developing and managing university technology and information services.

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why I came back to Tech."

Davis has driven for Citibus for six years — both the regular Lubbock routes and the Tech

After traveling with his wife in 1993-94, Davis decided to semiretire in Lubbock, instead of returning to his home state of California.

The people are friendly and the economy is good, he said.

He finds it rewarding to see students going to school and tries to lift them up. In

return, he said they keep him in a good mood. "They make me feel young,"

Davis said, referring to the Tech students he is responsible for taxiing each day. Natalie Sparks, the marketing

coordinator for Citibus, said Tech students express the same respect for the bus drivers. "We receive many compliments

from Tech students about our bus drivers," she said. "They care about what they do and take their jobs seriously.'

Citibus requires bus drivers to attend training and safety sessions over operating the bus, parking, passing and how to drive in different weather conditions, Sparks said.

Bus drivers must have a commercial driver's license also.

Citibus currently employees 25 full-time drivers and seven parttime drivers for the five Tech routes.

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compliments from

Tech students about

our bus drivers."

Natalie Sparks

CITIBUS MARKETING COORDINATOR

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routine routes.

students," Davis said.

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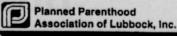
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Verdict nears in boll weevil vote

LUBBOCK (AP) - Droughtplagued farmers in the heart of Texas cotton country are about to find out if they'll be paying for a program to kill off a critter that can be just as destructive: the boll weevil.

Today, the Texas Department of Agriculture is expected to finish counting the votes cast by High Plains cotton producers and announce whether it will impose a \$12per-acre charge for irrigated farmers and a \$6-per-acre charge for dryland

Most cotton-producing regions in Texas have eradication programs in place, according to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

However, the region surrounding Lubbock, referred to as the world's largest cotton patch, has been slower to embrace such a program because the boll weevil hasn't infested the region's crops as quickly as elsewhere, Plains Cotton Growers spokesman Shawn Wade said.

The state requires that a twothirds majority of the region's farmers agree to an eradication program for it to be implemented. If approved, all farmers in the region must pay for their property to be the effects as severely." chemically treated. The program is expected to cost \$105 million during its first five years.

There are some producers who are looking at their situation right now and thinking that they cannot afford the costs of this program," Wade said. "But not every year is going to be a drought year and you have to look ahead to those years and how much it's going to cost you in yield losses and expenses to combat the boll weevil."

Wade said area producers considered a similar program two years ago, but ultimately turned it down. The High Plains zone encompasses 1.29 million acres of cotton and is surrounded by five other zones, which already have eradication programs in place.

The High Plains zone consists of Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Hale, Floyd, Swisher, and Brisco counties and portions of Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby and Dickens counties.

'When they voted last time, the weevil problem was in an earlier stage than it is today," Wade said. "There were people who hadn't felt

Recently, however, the tiny bug has become more of a nuisance, according to Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board representative Vicki Davis Patschke.

Davis Patschke says she spent about \$60 an acre spraying to kill the pest this year. Without her neighbors doing the same, it's a losing battle.

'The boll weevil was basically off of the Caprock, but it has now established itself on the High Plains," she said. "I'm looking at it that if we do not get a program I am going to have a hard time staying in business. I am half irrigated and half dryland and have very little water. Cotton is the only crop I can grow."

Wade said most producers in the region are concerned.

"It's just something that producers have to look at on an individual basis," he said. "They have to look at their operations and what they feel is the best course to take to ensure their profitability and survival down the line.'

Rick Klem, a Lynn County farmer, says the proposed eradication program is more likely to drive him out

of business than the boll weevil, especially with the drought continuing its stranglehold.

"Where is the money going to come from to pay the assessment?" he said. "That's my problem with the whole deal. With the prices we get for our cotton, we can't afford any other loads on our boats. I'm scared to death it's going to pass and I don't know what we are going to do."

Benny Pope of Lamb County has paid into an eradication program in the foundation's northwestern zone for about two years now. He said with cotton prices so low and production down because of the drought, eradication programs don't do much good in an area that hasn't been completely overrun by the crit-

"This year just was a wreck and the weevil program probably did not hurt or help," he said. "If a weevil program decreases the number of weevils and we get back to the point where we can produce cotton at a profit, having an eradication program will help. But as long as we can't grow cotton at a profit, we can't pay for a weevil program."

Mexican officials ask tourists to stop bribes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mexican officials are urging tourists heading south of the border for the holidays not to bribe border guards to make their trips smoother.

Officials acknowledge that bribes, or "mordidas" in Spanish, are common, especially during high-traffic times like the Christmas season.

"In order for corruption to exist, there have to be two parties involved," Marco Antonio Fraire, spokesman for the Mexican consulate in San Antonio, told the San Antonio Express-News in Sunday's editions. "Many people do not plan for their trips. We as Mexican people are used to saying, 'Well, I can arrange it somehow.'

In a move to protect travelers, starting Friday, federal observers will again be stationed along the border to watch inspectors.

Mexican customs and immigration stations are infamous for lines stretching for miles and taking countless hours. Last year, it wasn't unusual for holiday travelers to spend five hours or more waiting in Nuevo Laredo, the nation's busiest commercial cross-

After such a wait, many travel-

ers are tempted to get across the border without further delays and some inspectors are more than · willing to accommodate for a price.

"It is sad, what we have seen with our authorities," Genaro Montiel Rangel, the national chief of a program to safeguard the rights of Mexicans and others entering the country, said during a recent visit to San Antonio. "We don't want to put up any obstacles for people returning to their homeland.'

Fraire said many border checkpoint hassles, and the accompanying bribes, could be avoided by preparing travel documents in ad-

The consulate in San Antonio has distributed about 15,000 pamphlets that include drawings, charts and maps explaining how travelers can ease their trip home for the holidays.

The pamphlets contain stamped and addressed complaint forms to the government's internal affairs division.

The Mexican government also is temporarily increasing the value of tax-free merchandise an individual can bring into the country during the holiday season from \$50 to \$300.

New approach to basing bombers for long-range missions

WASHINGTON (AP) - One of the more remarkable feats of the U.S. air war over Kosovo last year was the 30hour roundtrip combat mission of B-2 stealth bombers flying from their base in Missouri. It was a point of pride for the Air Force that its bombers could deliver blows from such a distance.

Now the Air Force is quietly shifting its approach, hoping to get more bang from its bombers by preparing to have them carry out more wartime missions from air bases outside the continental United States.

All bombers in the Air Force fleet are now based at home: the B-2s at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.: B-52s at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.; and B-1s in Texas, Idaho and South Dakota.

The Air Force is not planning to permanently base any of the planes abroad. Rather, it is building up a capability to send them - in times of crisis — to spots like the Pacific island of Guam from which they could rearm, refuel and be sustained by ground crews much closer to potential combat zones like Korea and the Persian Gulf.

"The closer you can get them to the fight ... the more effective they become," Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, said in a recent

For bombers to operate for extended periods outside their continental U.S. bases, they need more than a place to land and park. They need access to extra fuel, for example, and lots of extra weapons.

Thus cruise missiles of the kind that B-52 bombers fired in the Kosovo air war are being stockpiled at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, marking the first time these missiles have been stored outside the continental United States.

The Air Force also plans to stockpile other new, precision-guided weapons on Guam and elsewhere. These include Joint Direct Attack Munitions that B-2 stealth bombers can launch, as well as Joint Standoff Weapons that B-1 bombers are being readied to use in the future.

Besides Guam, the Air Force has in mind three other "forward operating locations," as they are known in military lingo. They are Diego Garcia, a British-controlled island in the central Indian Ocean; the British air base Fairford, 65 miles west of London; and a Middle East location that the Air Force will not identify publicly but which Ryan said "we're looking at" for what he termed "other capabilities."

The idea is to enable bombers, in a short-notice crisis, to fly from their home bases in the United States, attack their targets and then proceed to Guam or another "forward operation location" to reload and return to combat.

This gives them a quick restrike capability they now lack, Ryan said. It also would reduce, though not

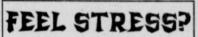


eliminate, the need for midair refuelings.

Although the B-2s are said to have performed as well as, or better than, expected in the Kosovo campaign, their contribution could have been greater if they were not forced to fly all the way from Missouri.

"That was not our preferred way of operating," Ryan said.





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Column

Florida has solidified its place in history as the 'bonkers' state

'd say Jebbie Bush has a problem. Not that he didn't have one before, but now he is in a dill pickle.

The R's best strategy at this point is to make the hand recount process into the zoo that they have been claiming it is for two weeks. Chaos! Unleash the dogs of war! Contest every ballot! Foul it up past the deadline! Protest every dimpled, preggers, hanging, swinging, light-shining-through chad in the entire bunch!



Molly

Scream, yell and threaten myocardial infarction over any chad that lands on the floor, on the grounds that it clearly constitutes electoral fraud — and besides, someone might eat it!

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's problem with this strategy is that it would rather clearly indicate that his state is so loopy that it can't

conduct a simple hand recount. This whole thing is a public relations disaster for Florida, which has now eclipsed, temporarily, both Texas and California as the most bonkers place in the nation.

The fact that quite a large number of the residents of Jeb Bush's state are calmly recounting ballots and making obvious decisions about the voters' intent puts him in a fork, as they say in chess. Either his brother loses, or he claims that his own people are morons. This is not a happy

Actually, watching a recount is enough to convince you that your fellow citizens are quite bright. For those of you who have never been there or done that, a recount involves major amounts of simple common sense. No matter how partisan you are, sometimes it's clear what the voter intended, and sometimes there's no way to figure it out.

Buck Wood, perhaps the best election lawyer in Texas, uses the old Art Linkletter line, "People do the darndest things," and they do them to ballots.

Let me say this to anxious Texans who may be worried about our position as the No. 1 Most Peculiar Place in the nation: I wouldn't trade our Duval County for their Duval County in a contested election if you were to offer me a million dollars.

Dimpled chads, for Pete's sake — you don't even have to cheat to count a dimpled chad. What is that to the time we had 87 dead people vote in identical handwriting in identical green ink and counted all of them? If there's a case in Florida that might remotely compare to Texas on a good electoral-fraud day, it would be this Seminole County, where

they may have to throw out all their absentee ballots. What were they thinking?

This is hard cheese on our Texas Republicans. The other day, I worked up a twinge of sympathy for GOP strategist Karl Rove. Of course we hand-recount the stupid punch ballots here.

In Harris County, they've done it 50 times in the last 20 years. In Travis County, there was a famous contested primary in 1974 that led to a regular auditing committee at every election.

What happens with the punch-card system — and this is A-B-C to everyone who had ever been involved with these contests — is that the trays underneath the ballots fill up with chad. People punch through an entire ballot, they leave the little pieces of detritus, and the trays that collect them are only about one-quarter of an inch deep.

Furthermore, it is not at all unusual for the chad to clump in the front or the back of a tray, so you get a series of ballots where people tried to punch through and couldn't because they hit a pile of clumped chad underneath.

Ken Wendler, a Travis County chairman in the '70s, says that one thing he learned after a great snafu is just to see that the chad trays are cleaned out before every election, because half the time you find them full of old chad from some bond election. It's a lousy system, so of course we still have it in Texas because it's cheap.

After this entire campaign, would you expect anything else from this state? What's amazing is that our electoral laws aren't as contradictory as Florida's. The Texas Legislature had a fit of bipartisan sanity one day, and the impetus came from the Republican, Bush-appointed secretary of state, Tony Garza:

Despite my partisan stake in this, I am still fascinated by the ways in which we seize upon the evidence supporting our side and totally reject the evidence from the other side. And it's so much easier to notice people on the other side doing

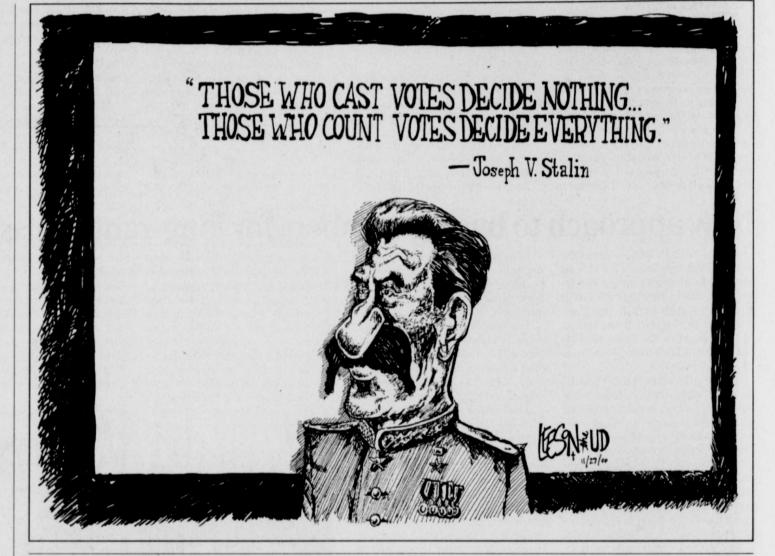
For example, George W. Bush claiming throughout the campaign, "We trust the people." And then complaining after the election: "No way can you trust people. What idiots are recounting these votes?"

Likewise, note that Al Gore, who a few weeks ago was touting the virtues of the Electoral College, now glories in the moral superiority of the popular vote.

Does this mean we should give up in despair on these two hopeless hypocrites? Nah. They're pols — get a

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

YEAH. I ALWAYS THOUGHT



Column

Forward this, if you dare

Vou know what I hate more than skinny people, money-grubbing administrators and knowing that I'll never graduate? E-mail forwards. Getting pictures of naked skydivers and a guide to the five levels of a hangover are not that bad every now and then. But the ones that suck that are so sweet and trite



Brandon

you could vomit all over your keyboard are the cutesy little poems and "things I've learned" lists that reach more people than Jesus himself.

Take the friendship ones, for instance. You know-the ones about what a friend meant in fourth grade vs. freshman year in

freshman year in college. Or the ones about the difference between high school friends and college friends.

You want to know the difference between high school friends and college friends? You met your high school friends when you were in high school and your college friends while you were in college. That's it.

Where you went to school doesn't change the fact that some people will always pretend to be your friends while they stab you in the back, steal your ATM code, empty your bank account and have a torrid affair with your mother. It also does not change the fact that some people are such good friends that they'd not only hold your hair back while you are puking, but they'd be willing to give you their liver when yours finally begins to emit Jose Cuervo fumes.

Then there are e-mails explicitly telling you not to ever let go of your old friends, even while you're away at college. Screw that. Let go. Let go of all your friends. Seriously. And I don't mean that in the whole "if you set a butterfly free" sort of way. My friends from back home who have changed the most and let go of the past the quickest are 10 times happier than the ones who are the same exact person and want everyone to be the way they used to. Friends are friends. You hang out. You bond. You talk. You make fun of each other. Enjoy it while it lasts. When it stops, oh well. But stop being so damn "90210" about it already.

Even more stupid are those forwards about free stuff when, if you send the message on to 10 people, a screen pops up with a coupon code that gets you \$10 off a pair of GAP jeans. Or, the famous Neiman Marcus cookie recipe, or a trip to Disney World and \$5,000 from Bill Gates. If you have ever fallen for one of these forwards, you deserve to be publicly chastised and beaten like the village idiot you are. If you have ever written one of these forwards, you are obviously either an intern or a middle-manager for a huge corporation that keeps 349 times as many people on payroll than it really needs.

As for those "things I've learned" lists, well, they make me so sick to my stomach I feel like I just scarfed down 12 helpings from this week's "Food for Thought" low performer. I seriously think Mormons and home-schooled children write these damn things.

You want to know what I've learned? Some people suck, some people rule. Enemies are good because they keep us on our toes. Nothing bonds two people together more than common hatred for a third party.

You can't plan everything. When you have 32 projects to do, you're waiting for the "quack shack" to call about the results from the STD test, you're \$345,192 in debt, you're car just blew up and finals are days

away, a stupid poem from a blind 9-yearold in Croatia about world peace is not going to make your day any better.

You know what I think when I get those "Jesus loves you" poems? I think, "No wonder the world is going to hell in a handbasket. This is what the human population is focusing its energies on."

Jesus and I are tight and everything. But at no point in time have I ever once believed that when God created the Earth, he foresaw the wonderful world of e-mail and decided that this would be the medium he and his crew would use to reach us mere mortals.

I'm sorry, but if I could make frogs fall from the sky, make it rain fire, part the oceans, or come back from the dead, I would not be so undramatic as to work through the Internet. Besides, maybe its just me, but I think God, Jesus, the angels, the prophets and the rest of the posse up there have better things to do than to send e-mails. And, to write one and then sign his name is kind of blasphemous if you ask me. So stop. Unless, of course, that really was you, Jesus, in which case, I take it back and am totally apologetic.

So if you have some pirated picture of someone who passed out and peed in their pants, go ahead and send it on. But if it's a stupid "snow ball" fight or poem or recipe or urban legend or nickel-promising letter and you're considering sending it on, do three things. Delete the message. Log off. Go get a life.

The Internet was not created for such sickening, Care Bear-like purposes. It's for rapid communication, obtaining vital information, stealing artists' songs and looking up porn. Surf accordingly.

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Letters to the Editor

Smoke-free 'insane'

To the editor: I don't quite agree with what the City Council of Lubbock is doing. I don't mind not having the ability to smoke while I'm in a restaurant. Even though I am a smoker, I don't like having smoke around me while I eat. Attempting to make the Texas Tech campus smoke-free is absolutely insane. If someone doesn't like the smoke, they can just move. I am not going out of my way to make sure that

the smoke avoids every person that may not like it. I am only one smoker, and I can't do that much damage to just a few people. In addition, not allowing people to smoke outside is considered an infringement on their rights. The sidewalks, streets, parking lots and everything outside are public property. I pay my tax dollars to the government to have them fix the streets and sidewalks. I own those sidewalks just as much as the next person. I also pay a good amount of money to Tech. I deserve the right to be able to smoke anywhere I want as long as I'm outside. My tuition is going to all of those remodeling projects and new

buildings that are under construction. I better be able to smoke outside for all of the money that I put into this university. If the Senates at Tech and the city of Lubbock decide to ban smoking from outside public property, there will be a lot of angry smokers around. Even the non-smokers should know how wrong it is to ban smoking from public property. Don't pass this ordinance just to make yourselves look good in the public eye. It will turn against

Najat Shayib junior philosophy major

Atomic Opera offers CD refreshment

Folk metal group's 'Gospel Cola' emphasizes God's unchanging presence

music review

By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

As the year 2000, the year that most thought would never come, draws closer to its end, America and the world have discovered more and more uncertainties. America has waited for almost three weeks now for the decision of who our president will be and this year's college graduates scratch their heads at their future. In the midst of all this confusion, one band has discovered something that is worthwhile to sing

Atomic Opera is a band that has broken all the rules of rock music. From adding mandolin and recorders to their latest album, Gospel Cola, to the taboo of putting a band's picture on the front cover of a record, to the use of "major, minor, pentatonic and eastern tonal scales in the same song." This band is unapologetic in every way.

Gospel Colais Atomic Opera's fourth album, and self-claimed as their best yet. Gospel Cola and the band's three previous releases can be purchased online at www.GrassrootsMusic.com.

Much has been in the works for Gospel Cola. Atomic Opera has finalized their four band members, each with a respectable resume.

Kemper Crabb, who plays an array of acoustic instruments such as mandolin, dulcimer, and recorder, also used to be apart of the Houstonbased band, Caedmon's Call. The band often relies on Crabb's expertise in music to guide them.

John Simmons, percussionist and vocals, first played with Atomic Opera at their Penguin Dust release party as the drummer-for-hire and later joined Atomic Opera full-time.

Ryan Birsinger was offering his talents to Atomic Opera on the sound board at first. He began playing bass with the band shortly after the release of Penguin Dust, which is the first band he has played with.

Frank Hart founded Atomic Opera based on the certain loves of his life: "heavy, beautiful music and an artistic expression of propagandafree spiritual concepts.

All four members offer their own palate of creativity that has shaped Gospel Cola. Although their musical differences have combined well, their beliefs are the one true thing that has fashioned Atomic Opera.

Some have categorized Atomic Opera as "Modern Progressive Folk Metal," and while that seems to be up for debate, the unbridled and daring approach to music and thought has been the basis for Gospel Cola. With electric guitars and jembe's, Atomic Opera has brought the '80s era of rock, '90s new pop, and the revival of folk together

Just reading the liner notes in Gospel Cola provide entertainment. One quote from "Bad Buddha"

reads, "If someone does not believe in trees, they should not go into the forest, or someone will bust their nose on a low hanging branch and blame it on God."

The questions that have plagued all of mankind have filled Atomic Opera's heads and are echoed in the lyrics of "October," the second song on Gospel Cola. The lyrics read: "Is there a vacuum in me/ Is there a great big hole/ Does my life suck as bad as yours/ Will you swallow my soul?" The answers to these ambiguous questions arise out of beliefs and mission in life. "The Atomic Opreaen Creed" is found on the back page of the CD insert. The last line reads: "Atomic Opera's chief end is to worship God and enjoy him forever."

Through the struggle of life and all of its curves and turns along the way, Atomic Opera has discovered only one true thing that exists and will not change-God.

Chiropractic care no longer pain in wallet for military

KILLEEN(AP) - Active-duty members of the U.S. military who need chiropractic care soon won't have to pay for it out of

their own pockets.

Recent legislation passed by Congress mandates that chiropractic care be made available to all active-duty personnel in the United States armed forces. The Fiscal Year 2001 Defense Authorization Act became law Oct. 30 when signed by President Bill

Before the bill was passed, a two-year pilot program was conducted on 13 United States military installations. The study, mandated by Congress and conducted by the Department of Defense, showed higher levels of patient satisfaction with chiropractic care vs. traditional medical care.

"Chiropractors tend to spend more time with their patients," chiropractor Robert Dorn of Killeen told the Killeen Daily Herald in Sunday's editions. "We find underlying problems, which take time."

The government's pilot program also found superior outcomes and fewer hospital stays for patients receiving chiropractic care vs. traditional medical care, both of which proved to en-

hance military readiness. Zemla's military health insurance, TRICARE, currently doesn't pay for chiropractic visits.

Full implementation of the benefit throughout all three service branches of the military will be phased in over a 5-year period.

Which branch will come first is still being decided and could be announced in March of next year, the Department of Defense's deadline for an implementation

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Texas Tech is growing leaders

eadership development is central to the mission of Texas Tech, and in an effort to keep pace with the growing demand of fully preparing our students, the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement has launched a campaign to address this need.

Over the past year, in collaboration with student leaders and numerous departments on campus, Leadership Tech was redesigned to offer a comprehensive leadership certificate program.

Stage I of this redevelopment has numerous sub-components: programs for student organizations and advisers, a leadership and personal development series, "Me Incorporated," an Emerging Leaders Program and a Women's Leadership Program.

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Together, these programs pro- tators and presenters. vide the Tech campus with a host Many of these programs feature of involvement opportunities for facet of Leadership Tech is its flexleadership skill development, from ibility. Participants can acquire leadand experienced leader. Partici- multi-tiered program through par-

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campus and community involvement opportunities. A co-curricular transcript has been developed to track participant progress, Campus and Community Involvement Record, which also serves as an overall co-curricular tracking mechanism for those who do not necessarily wish to participate in the certificate program. Finally, Tech students can officially validate their involvement! The process is simple, and the fee, nominal.

As we approach the spring semester as well as the upcoming years, the entire campus can expect the continued expansion of Leadership Tech. We look forward to serving you and hope that you take a moment to stop by our office to pick up the Leadership Tech brochure and the CCIR and make application to this exciting program. Every spring we will recognize ognized speakers and practitioners the beginner to the more advanced ership certification credit in the those who have completed levels of the program at an annual Leadpants can not only attend, but also ticipation in Leadership Tech, Com- ership Recognition Reception. We

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NightLife abounds in 2001

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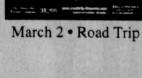


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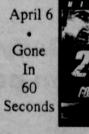


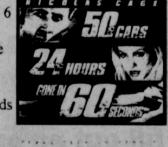
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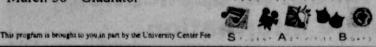




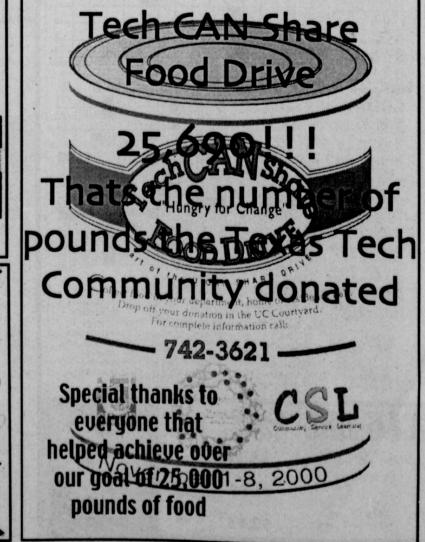
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Montgomerie wins Skins Game

two routine pars, including one Sunday for a playoff victory over **Fred Couples**

Playing his first Skins Game, Montgomerie won the event when he earned \$340,000 on the third and final playoff hole.

Couples, the defending champion and all-time Skins Game money-winner, finally ran out of luck and shots on that hole.

He drove into a fairway bunker, then his second shot bounced off the lip, hit a first aid cart and landed in a bush. It only got worse.

Couples' third shot bounced into the water in front of the

up with a rather anticlimactic tap-in on the playoff hole, the par-5, 563-yard No. 18.

His other winning hole was Saturday, when his par at No. 5 earned him \$75,000. The other three players all bogeyed the 249yard par-3.

Both Vijay Singh, the runnerup with \$260,000, and Sergio Garcia, who earned \$200,000, were eliminated on the first playoff hole Sunday.

Defending champion Couples, who reached the \$2 million mark in skins career earnings by winning \$25,000 on the first hole, added \$100,000 at No. 11. but still finished fourth this time.

Couples couldn't cash in on an excellent opportunity at the sec- at No. 12.

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Colin ond playoff hole, missing a 5-foot Montgomerie, struggling for birdie try after Montgomerie was much of the Skins Game, won off on his long birdie try. After \$415,000 and the title by making Couples tapped in, Montgomerie made his 3-footer to keep it go-

Montgomerie, who had difficulty making putts most of the tournament, chipped in from 25 feet for birdie at the first playoff

Couples drove the green at the 334-yard par-4, then twoputted from 45 feet.

His eagle putt to win the tournament fell one ball rotation from going into the hole.

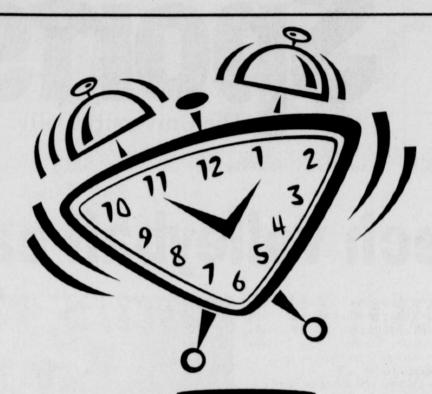
Garcia missed from 15 feet and Singh from 4 feet at the first playoff hole, with par not good enough to keep them in the play-

Singh sent the event into over-Montgomerie then wrapped it time by making a pressurepacked 6-foot birdie putt to tie Garcia at No. 18. Montgomerie hit his second shot into the water in front of the green, and Couples missed a long birdie try before Garcia tapped in for

> Singh won \$210,000 at No. 15. He stuck his 7-iron 8 feet from the pin at the 183-yard par-3, then made the birdie putt.

After Garcia and Singh both left their long birdie tries short at No. 11, Couples rammed his 18footer into the center of the cup to win what would be his final skin of the tournament.

Garcia, who won \$150,000 on the first day, added \$50,000 to his bankroll with a 3-foot birdie putt



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Montgomerie takes Skins Game

Texas Tech volleyball earns NCAA bid

The University Daily

Sports

By Jeff Keller Sports Editor

For the fourth time in six years Texas Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson is leading his squad into the NCAA Tournament.

Sunday night, the Red Raider volleyball team gathered in the Letterman's Lounge at Jones SBC Stadium to learn their postseason fate.

Team members and coaches were informed they will traveling to Hawaii to compete against the Utah Utes in the West Division of the first round of the 2000 NCAA Tournament.

Hawaii is the No. 1 seed in the division with a 27-1 record, which earned it the right to host the first

No time has been set for Tech's first-round match, but it will take place on either Thursday or Friday.

The Red Raiders finished their regular season with a 24-8 overall record and 12-8 in Big 12 Conference

Tournament in 1998, losing in the first round to Ohio State.

Nelson said he is pleased with his team's effort this season as well as its bid to the postseason.

'I'm just glad that we got into the tournament," Nelson said. "I think our kids were rewarded for having a good season.

"It kind of doesn't matter where you go, you've just got to play. The season starts over tonight.

Tech senior Colleen Smith will be making her first trip to the postseason as a Red Raider. Smith after playing two seasons at Washing-

Smith said getting a chance to keep playing in her final season is something she looks forward to.

"It's awesome," Smith said. "Anything less than this and I would have been very disappointed. I'm real excited. For one thing we get to go to Hawaii, but I also think we got a really good seed.

The Utah squad that the Red Raiders will face comes into the tournament with a 22-7 record.

The Red Raiders fell to the Utes in three games when the two squads played last season in the Four Points Sheraton Red Raider Classic in Lub-

Nelson said this season's Utah squad is similar to the squad Tech faced a year ago.

"They have a different setter, and they have a really good freshman middle blocker," Nelson said. "But the only thing I know for sure that is different this season is their setting. Their setter that was here last year was a very good setter. They are a very good team, they've been nationally ranked all year and have had a great season.

The Red Raiders received more Tech last earned a trip to the NCAA good news over the weekend as three Tech players were named to the All-Big 12 first team.

Tech defensive specialist Heather Hughes-Justice was named the Big 12 defensive specialist of the year.

Red Raider outside hitters Melissa McGehee and Colleen Smith also were named to the team.

McGehee, a sophomore, said she could not contain her excitement when she heard the news that she had made the team.

"I was very excited when I heard the news," McGehee said. "I screamed on the phone. I didn't retransferred to the squad last season ally expect it so that made it that much better. I just couldn't ask for anything more.

McGehee also said she has never traveled to Hawaii. She said she is anxious to visit the islands and see how



Texas Tech middle blocker Janelle Jones celebrates after learning the Red Raiders will travel to Hawaii to compete in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Tech will face Utah in the opening round of the tournament on either Thursday or Friday.

popular the sport of volleyball is there.

"This is exciting," McGehee said. "I've never been there before. It is all kind of overwhelming. I've heard that they get really big crowds there. I know that volleyball is a very big sport there. I think it is just going to be a good experience and really fun.

The Big 12 is sending six teams to the tournament, which ties the conference with the Big 10 and Pac 10 conferences for the most in the tournament's 64-team field.

Smith said the fact that the Big 12 sent six teams to the tournament shows how difficult it is to compete

"I think the Big 12 is the strongest conference in the United States right now," Smith said. "There are other strong ones but I think that it really shows well for our conference, and our team as well, that we made it to the tournament.'

Tomlinson key in Horned Frogs turnaround

DALLAS (AP) - When next year's NCAA record book comes out, LaDainian Tomlinson can flip to the rushing section and find his name and numbers in many places: Fourth-best single season with 2,158 yards; sixthmost in a career at 5,263.

But in a few years some other player will come along and drop Tomlinson in the rankings, just like he passed former Heisman Trophy winners Herschel Walker and Archie Griffin.

What can never be taken away is a bigger accomplishment by Tomlinson and the other 20 seniors on this year's Texas Christian team: Going from 1-10 as freshmen to 10-1 this season.

The Horned Frogs emphatically capped their teamwide turnaround Friday night with a 62-7 victory over SMU that gave them a share of the WAC title for the second straight year and clinched their most victories since an 11-0, national championship season in 1938.

"The turnaround that we have made in the past three years has been unbelievable," said Tomlinson, who wrapped up his second straight national rushing title with 174 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown that was his school-record 22nd of the year. "I still can't believe all that we have accomplished."

Playing for the first time with his parents and two siblings in the stands, Tomlinson broke the 2,000 barrier on his fifth carry, joining former Texas star Ricky Williams as the only runners with 2,000 and 5,000 on their resumes.

OSU close-call creates doubts about Sooners

No. 1 anymore.

The unbeaten Sooners maintained the top ranking in *The Associated Press* Top 25 on Sunday, but No. 2 Miami made a move upward by taking away first-place votes.

The Hurricanes (10-1) completed their regular season with a 52-6 rout of Boston College (6-5), while the Sooners hung on for a 12-7 win over Oklahoma State (3-8) on Saturday.

In addition to moving closer to the Sooners (11-0), the Hurricanes strengthened their lead over No. 3 Florida State (11-1) in balloting by the 71 sports writer and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Oklahoma received 64 first-place votes and 1,765 points, with Miami snaring six first-place votes and 1,696

Florida State, which completed its season last week, had one first-place vote and 1,640 points. The Sooners finish out next Satur-

day against Kansas State in the Big 12

For the past three polls, the Sooners had 70 first-place votes, the Seminoles one and the Hurricanes none.

(AP) — Oklahoma isn't such a solid This is the first time this season Miami has received votes for No. 1. Miami now trails Oklahoma by 69 points and leads Florida State by 56; last week the Hurricanes trailed the Sooners by 93 points and led the Seminoles by 36.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top three were Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State

Miami's move in the AP poll is significant since it sets up the possibility of split national champions. If the Hurricanes fail to get into the Bowl Championship Series' title game the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. — they can still become national champions in the AP media poll, in which sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS.

The coaches' poll would automatically crown the winner of the Orange

Currently, Oklahoma and Florida State are 1-2 in the BCS standings, which uses the AP media poll and the coaches poll, eight computer rankings and schedule strength to determine who plays in its title game.

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