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THE PAMPA

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer

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City crews continue to spread sand on slick streets Well before dawn, Dean Bliss was before 8 a.m."

manning a front end loader in the City crews were out early today city's maintenance yard off Hobart, for the third day in a row, sanding loading a mixture of sand and fly ash into dump trucks to be spread along Kimberly Lincycomb, who's in city streets and intersections. charge of city streets for the City of

"They'll start about 4 a.m. when it's bad like this," Richard Morris, director of public works for Pampa, said today of the street department. "They get most of the stuff early,

Morris said that street crews would most likely be out sanding spots around stop signs and heavily used intersections most of the day

"They'll continue to do a little bit of sanding during the day," Morris

The ice and snow over the weekend totaled only 0.01 of an inch of moisture.

The area is under a winter weather advisory until Tuesday morning. The high Sunday was 24 degrees. The high today is expected to reach only 28.

The National Weather Service is predicting a high Wednesday of 55 degrees and sunshine. The weather service said temperatures will be in the 60s by Christmas Day.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Dean Bliss, driving the front end loader, stacks up sand in a city truck driven by Abel Shorter before dawn today as the city's fleet of dump trucks continues to sand slick Pampa streets for the third day in a row.

Drug raid nets chrome car rims

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Property recovered during execution of a narcotics search warrant at 2:33 p.m. Thursday at 1121 Seneca Lane has been determined to have been stolen, according to Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department.

During a search which yielded suspected methamphetamine and marijuana, as well as drug paraphernalia, four chrome Dodge vehicle rims were found covered with a blanket in a closet off the living room, Courtney said in a news release.

"Further investigation by detectives found that the rims were taken from an address in the 1200 block of West Crawford between 10 a.m. Dec. 13 and 3 p.m. Dec. 14," Courtney said.

The theft of the rims was reported on the evening of the 14th. The owner identified the rims after they were found at the Seneca Lane house, and the property was returned to the owner after the identification was documented, according to the

The value of the rims was estimated at \$800.

Darvocet, a painkiller considered to be a dangerous drug, was found in a locked safe. Officers could

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

District Attorney Lynn Switzer, right, cuts off the tie of Assistant District Attorney Franklin McDonough, a tradition in Gray County when a new lawyer is sworn in to the bar. McDonough was sworn in by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters on Saturday in the Gray County Courthouse. McDonough was then administered the oath of office as assistant district attorney 31st District Judge Steven Emmert.

McDonough takes oath, loses necktie

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Franklin McDonough got his tie clipped Saturday.

McDonough, who has been working in the office of District Attorney Lynn Switzer, passed his bar exam and was sworn in Saturday morning by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters in the district courtroom in the Gray County Courthouse.

Immediately following the swearing in, 31st district Judge Steven R. Emmert administered the oath of office to McDonough, making him the assistant district attorney.

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Willoughby seeks second 4-year term

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

County Precinct Commissioner Gary Willoughby has filed for re-election on the Republican ticket for a second four-year term.

Willoughby listed several accomplishments of his first 36 months in office, which he will complete this month.

"I've dedicated time and effort to listening to the people in Precinct 2. Safety and beautification of our county roads have been major requests.

"There have been loads and loads of

trash, debris and a few trees removed said so that the bar ditches can be mowed properly.

"Around 35 miles of roads have been completely rebuilt, as well as maintaining and replacing culverts and cattle guards," Willoughby said.

Some projects which he has completed, including 911 addressing, the installation of fire hydrants in the Cole Addition, and work on the Clyde Carruth Pavilion and Western Street, Albert and Tignor Streets, Henry Street and County Road 2 1/2, have been needed for some time, Willoughby

"They are finished and are a success," he said. His precinct employees have installed 75 culverts in the past three years, he said.

"I want to continue serving the public and meeting their needs. We have a lot of goals and work ahead of us, as my guys and I want the county to be clean and well-maintained for the people," Willoughby said.

He is a 1980 graduate of Pampa High School, and has completed the

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Willoughby

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Harvey L. Bybee, 76

Harvey L. Bybee, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Harold Hook, pastor

of First Baptist Church of Canton, Okla., officiating.

Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Higgins Cemetery in Higgins under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Masonic graveside rites will be courtesy of



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Bybee

Higgins Masonic Lodge #82 AF&AM. Mr. Bybee was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Higgins. He married Helen Churchman on July 10, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1997, mov-

ing from Higgins.

He was owner and operator of Bybee Water Wells, Inc. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Higgins, and of the Higgins Masonic Lodge #82, AF&AM.

He was a former Lipscomb county commissioner in Precinct 4 from 1968 until 1982. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed flying and riding motorcycles.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Bybee of the home; two daughters, Cindy Weese of Lubbock and Darla Cain of Edmond, Okla.; a stepson, Tim Churchman of San Antonio; a stepdaughter, Shannon Carter of Tupelo, Miss.; an aunt, Iva Henderson of Enid, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church of Higgins, 220 N. Main St., Higgins, TX 79046 or Higgins Masonic Lodge #82, P.O. Box 309, Higgins, TX 79046.

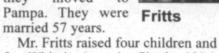
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Wallace Riley Fritts, 79

Wallace Riley Fritts, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Whinery Funeral Home in Carter, Okla.

Mr. Fritts was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Checotah, Okla. He married Jeraldine Bockmon on Nov. 10, 1947, in Wheeler. They lived Odessa, Borger and Clovis, N.M., from 1947 to 1977, when they moved to married 57 years.



Mr. Fritts raised four children and worked for White's Auto in Clovis, N.M. for 25 years as a service department manager. He moved to Texas in 1977 and worked for the State Highway Department for 11 years before retiring in 1990. He served in the military from May 7, 1945, to Feb. 4, 1946.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Fritts of Amarillo, and Vance Fritts and wife Robin of Pampa; two daughters, Sandy Penney and husband Lonnie of Wiley, Texas, and Kathy Beck of Pampa; One brother, J.T. Fritts of Ardmore, Okla.; four sisters, Gladys Hoyle of Morton, Texas, Verda Mae Adkin of Elk City, Okla., Hazel Hill of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and Ruth Anderson of Portridge, Kansas; five grandchildren, Tyson Beck, Marsha Poole, Holly Mitchell, Wendy Gammage and Trent Majors; and five greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeraldine Fritts on April 8, 2005; his parents, Herman and Lizzie Fritts; a brother, Walker; a sister, Bess; and two grandsons, Timothy

Fritts and Jonathan Fritts.

Elmer 'Mike' Mytryk

Elmer 'Mike' Mytryk, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in Pampa.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at Carmichael-Whaltey Colonial Chapel. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mytryk was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Monesson, Pennsylvania and came to Pampa in 1962 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He married Kay Mirenzi on Oct. 11, 1952, in Braddock, Pennsylvania.

He worked as a machinist at Cabot Corp. and Ingersoll-Rand for 23 years, retiring in

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Pampa VFW post.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Mytryk of the home; several brothers-in-law, sisters-inlaw, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and greatnephews.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Healthcare, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101 or St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23, Pampa, TX

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Services tomorrow

MYTRYK, Elmer 'Mike' 10:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

BYBEE, Harvey L. - 11 a.m. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

Gray County Weather

Today: Occasional freezing drizzle possibly mixed with snow. Widespread fog before noon. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high around 27. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tonight: Occasional freezing rain possibly mixed with snow. Areas of fog. Low around 24. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New snow accumulation of less than 1 inch possible.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 41. Wind chill values between 17 and 27. northwest wind North around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 24. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 54. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 53. Southwest wind around 10

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Madison Grace Cunningham

Madison Grace Cunningham, infant, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with the Rev. Scott Rankin, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

The body will not be available for view-

The infant was born Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005 in Pampa.

Survivors include the parents, Rashell Pickett and Cody Cunningham, both of Perryton; paternal grandmother, Michelle Cunningham of Amarillo; maternal grandparents, Carl and Freda Stafford of Perryton; and paternal great-grandparents, Lenora and Dickey Holdeman of Perryton.

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Emergency Services Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department

reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thirty-four traffic stops were made. Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of Barrett.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2300 block of Primrose, the police department lobby, the 400 block of Jupiter, the 1000 block of North Hobart, an unknown location, the 1100 block of Coronado Drive, and the 2200 block of North

Hobart. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Malone and Elm streets, the 1500 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Ballard and Foster streets, the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 200 block of East Foster, the 600 block of Bradley, an unknown location, and the 2200 block of Beech. property reported in the 1300 block of

North Hobart and the 100 block of South Somerville. Three alarms were report-

Animal complaints were

received from the 600 block of North Nelson and the 1300 block of Coffee. Warrant service was

attempted at five locations. At least one arrest was made at one location.

Assistance to other agencies was rendered in the 800 block of East Browning, the 100 block of North Cuyler, the intersection of Bond and Farley streets, the 1100 block of North Christine, the 1300 block of Garland, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 900 block of Fisher, the 2300 block of Alcock, and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of Seneca, the 800 block of South Hobart, the 400 block

of South Houston, and the 1200 block of Darby.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1800 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of Duncan, the 400 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of East Gordon, the 1200 block of South Sumner, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the 100 block of South Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of West 30th; the 500 block of Lowry, where citations were

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least one arrest was made in connection with the second incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road. A window screen was damaged and a window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$300 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Jean. A vehicle window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$600 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A wallet valued at \$40 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler, the 1600 block of North Sumner, and the 1800 block of North Russell.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. Estimated value of the vehicle is unknown.

Possession of a controlled substance and failure to identify as a fugitive were reported in the 1000 block of Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. Minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill. The incident was verbal only; no injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. No injuries were reported.

Evading arrest was reported in the 900 block of Randy

Matson. An arrest was made in connection with the inci-

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. Two arrests were made in connection with the incident.

Possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 100 block of North Wynne, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1000 block of North Price Road. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, Dec. 17
Jacob Zachary Craig, 17,
1811 Lynn, was arrested in
the 900 block of West Randy
Matson, by Pampa Police

Matson by Pampa Police Department for evading arrest and minor in possession.

Sergio Flores Ledezma,

Sergio Flores Ledezma, 30, 938 E. Frederic, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for evading with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated, third or more arrest.

Salvador Rodriguez, 28, 417 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 1200 block of Duncan by PPD for public intoxication and open container.

Eddie Scott Graham, 17, 2236 Dogwood, was arrested in the 800 block of North Hobart by PPD for failure to attend school and failure to appear.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Gary Michael Loftis, 51, 1172 Prairie Drive, was arrested in the 100 block of North Wynne by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Saturday, Dec. 17 2:30 a.m. — An unknown

vehicle and driver collided with a properly parked 1999 Dodge Ram 1500, owned by Cal Adam Ferguson, 1700 N. Highway 70, in the 1800 block of Hamilton. The unknown vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sunday, Dec. 18

1:00 p.m. — A 2004 Chevrolet C/K 3500, driven by Dustin Shane Stoddard, 31, 716 Bradley, collided with a properly parked 1995 Dodge 3500, owned by G.W. James, Pampa, in the 600 block of Bradley. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

5:49 p.m. — A 2005 Ford Sport Trac, driven by Justin Ray Leos, 22, 1128 Juniper, rolled into the bar ditch on the east side of the 1000 block of Price Road, coming to rest on its left side. No injuries were reported. Leos was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 17

11:01 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles. No transport.

6:25 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Cuyler and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Correction

The New Year's Eve party to benefit White Deer Land Museum will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Raid

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not find a prescription for the medication, Courtney said.

A handgun and rifle were also found during the execution of the search warrant, according to police reports.

Jason Kelly Mulanax, 27, the resident of the home, is free on \$7,500 bond after being arrested Dec. 15 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana in a drug-free zone, possession of a dangerous drug and theft over \$500 and under \$1,500, according to Gray County Jail records.

Brooke Nichole Pyle, 23, 640 Roberta, was also arrested at the residence at the time of the search warrant execution. She was released on \$3,000 bond after being charged with possession of more than one gram but less than four grams of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone.

The residence is in a drug-free zone because it is less than 1,000 feet from Travis Elementary School.

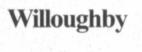
Mulanax's two children, who were at the house at the time officers executed the search warrant, were released to their grandfather at the time of the arrests, according to police reports.

A 17-year-old female, an 18-year-old male, and a 26-year old male were written citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and released, in connection with the search, according to police records.

"Detectives and narcotics agents are continuing the investigation and believe additional felony charges are possible," Courtney said.







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required annual 20 hours of continuing education for each year as a commissioner.

Willoughby is a member of Briarwood Church, president-elect of Pampa Rotary Club, a T&W martial arts instructor, and on the board of directors of Gray County Appraisal District. He owns Dust-Rite Dust Control, T&W Martial Arts, and Spring Meadows Mobile Home Park.

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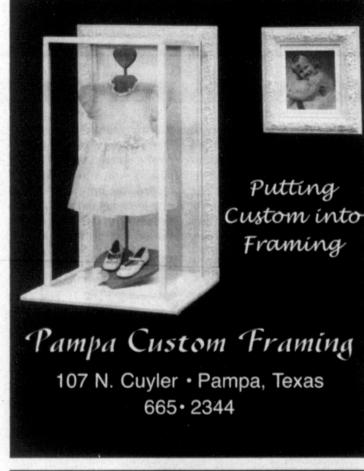
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He and his wife, JoAnne, have three daughters.

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Clyde Carruth Pavilion,
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the Cole Addition,
Kentucky Acres, the
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of the City of Pampa.

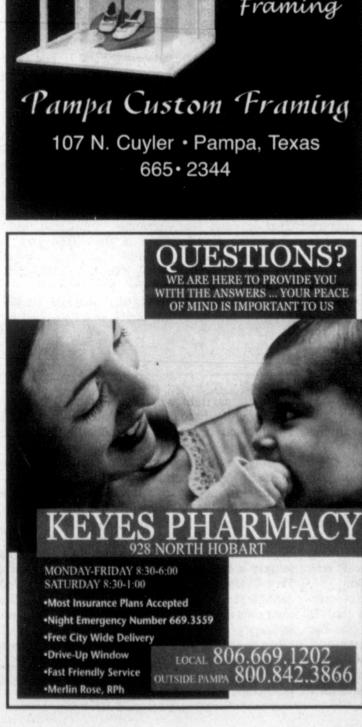


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Switzer, in keeping with Gray County tradition, cut off part of McDonough's necktie after the swearing in ceremonies.

About three dozen people gathered in the district courtroom for the ceremonies and reception.



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A Giant of the Nano-World

Hutchison's Senator Weekly Capitol Comment

Under the nurturing gaze of his mother, he peered through the eyepiece of a microscope and saw a whole universe: paramecia, diatoms, and amoebas - the various single-celled organisms they had collected together in a nearby pond. To most of us, the many creatures he found in just a drop of water would be too small to notice, too insignificant to make us pause and consider them further. But, for Dr. Smalley, microscopic things held gigantic possibilities. Those pond creatures were actually among the biggest objects he studied. The universe in which he would later blaze trails, was much, much smaller -

fact.

To explore that universe, Dr. Smalley had to be not only bold and creative, he also had to create his own tools. He studied at some of the best schools in the country, from his education in chemistry at the University of Michigan and Princeton, to his work at the University of Chicago and Rice, work that would earn him a Nobel prize in 1996. To see molecules, an ordinary microscope would not do. Since molecules are constantly moving, he pioneered new methods of slowing them down so that it was possible to learn more about them.

It was his amazing combination of expert chemist and basement inventor that made his success possible. He started out as a boy building

ended up building the most advanced supersonic beam apparatus of its time for his own lab at Rice University, as well as for Exxon. As his vision of the nano-world improved, he discovered the fullerene, a soccer ballshaped carbon molecule, commonly

known as a Kay Bailey buckyball. Hutchison Further research

led him to U.S. Senator identify a tube-

shaped carbon molecule, known as a nanotube.

I was extremely fortunate to work with Dr. Smalley when I began my effort to make Texas one of America's top research states in the hard sciences. equipment (SPRING), Dr.

100,000 times smaller in gadgets with his father and He was a very generous man. Rather than seeking to maximize the profits he might have made on his new discovery, he provided other researchers with access to high-quality nanotube so they could learn from his research and it would help mankind as quickly as possi-

> ble. D Smalley was not only a scientist, he was a gallant leader of scientists, affirming

his mother's intuition in naming him after Richard the Lion-Hearted, one of the great kings of England. When I developed a consortium to use nanotechnology to improve our military other scientists in the new endeavor. The group's work has already produced new, lighter, yet stronger, body armor that will save many soldiers' lives.

He was also eager to use his knowledge to save lives by curing diseases. Dr. Smalley played a key role in the formation of the Alliance for NanoHealth, a group that unites Texas's top medical institutions in the mission to cure diseases like cancer with the new technologies his discovery made possible. Scientists are now developing buckyballs they can load with drugs or radioactive atoms to more precisely attack cancer and other dis-

Finally, Dr. Smalley added his insight to my most ambitious plan to fuel the work of

Smalley was happy to lead researchers in Texas: The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas (TAMEST). This group was designed to bring together Texas doctors, scientists, and engineers who are recognized as leaders through membership in the national academies. Their goal is to share their work in order to increase research collaboration.

Dr. Smalley's true legacy to our state and the world is not yet fully realized because the brightest gems of his discovery have not yet been mined. In the decades to come, computers may be made with tiny, nanotubes circuits, making the smallest computers of today look gigantic; tiny robots may be placed in a patient's blood-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2005. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England. On this date:

In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

'I never could see why people were so happy about Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' because I never had any confidence that Scrooge was going to be different the next day.

 Dr. Karl Menninger American psychiatrist (1893-1990)

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his "American Crisis" essay.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1932, the

British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its Empire Service to Australia. In 1957, Meredith Willson's musical play "The Music

Man" opened on Broadway. In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up

the Apollo program

of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984, a fire at the Wilberg Mine near Orangeville, Utah, killed 27 people.

In 1985, in Minneapolis, Mary Lund became the first woman to receive a Jarvik VII artificial heart (Lund received a human heart transplant 45 days later; she died in October

In 1998, President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

Ten years ago: The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate, turning fears to cheers on Wall Street a day after the biggest one-day stock plunge in four years. Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, went on trial. A gunman opened fire inside a Bronx, N.Y., shoe store, killing five people.

Five years ago: President-elect Bush met with President Clinton in Washington. The U.N. Security Council voted to impose broad sanctions on Afghanistan's Taliban rulers unless they closed "terrorist" training camps and surrender U.S. embassy bombing suspect Osama bin Laden.

AND NOW WE PRESENT. HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

An American-sponsored kangaroo court

When they finally hang Saddam Hussein, we'll probably miss him. He has, after all, been an obsession of American politicians since 1991. Since the Washington media obsess over whatever the politicians obsess over, Saddam's face has adorned our television screens for 14 years. He bears a strong resemblance, by the way, to the late actor Walter Matthau.

Saddam, without a doubt, has gotten more air time and more ink than any dictator in the post-World War II world. Never before has so much attention been lavished on a man who, on the world stage, has always been so insignificant.

Iraq, being a relatively small country, with a population of about 25 million people divided into three quarreling groups, never in its history posed a threat to the

world. The demonization of Iraq was never a significant the Bush administration as Saddam has always been political bull. The only country Iraq ever conquered was Kuwait, which is a postage stamp of a country.

The Kuwaiti leadership fled in their Mercedes,

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Columnist

Rolls -Royces and Cadillacs at the sound of first the shot. I've never forgotten

anonymous quote in a Wall Street Journal story. The reporter had asked someone, apparently a Kuwaiti leader, why he was not fighting for his country. "That is what we have our American slaves for," he is quoted as saying.

The Iraqis fought Iran, much to the glee and with the assistance of the United States, but they lost. And

factor in any of the Israeli-Arab wars, all of which Israel won. So Saddam's record was only 1-1, assuming you want to call the invasion of Kuwait a victory. It started in the morning and

was over by the afternoon.

The fact Iraq that developed and used chemical

weapons in its war with Iran is not significant at all. Those weapons were developed in World War I and were used by both the Allies and the Germans. Iran also used them in the 1980s war. It should be noted, as further proof of the basic dishonesty of the American government, that when the chemical attack so often cited by

proof of Saddam's evil actually occurred, an official U.S. government investigation blamed it on the Iranians.

Now Saddam is entertaining us again with his phony trial. "Hey, you with the glasses," he shouted recently, referring to the judge. He asserts that the trial is illegal because our invasion was illegal, and therefore, from a legal standpoint, he is still the president of Iraq. What's funny is that he's right - not

that that will save him. But it really is true that our invasion of Iraq was illegal. Iraq was not at war with us, was not preparing to go to war with us and was not a threat to us. Furthermore, Iraq had complied with United Nations resolutions and gotten rid of its weapons of mass destruction, despite

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Dec. 12

Austin American-Statesman on Robert's arguments on military recruitment on college campuses:

Chief Justice John Roberts showed during oral arguments last week that he is as nimble with an argument sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court as he was standing before it as an advocate.

At issue was the Solomon Amendment, a federal law that cuts off federal funds to universities that bar military recruiting on their campuses.

A group of law schools (not including the University of Texas) argue that the Solomon Amendment violates their

constitutional right to bar the recruiters, which they want to do because the military rejects openly gay members. A lower federal court agreed with the law schools and the government appealed to the Supreme Court.

The lawyer for the law schools, Joshua Rosenkranz, argued before the justices that the Solomon Amendment compelled the law schools to support discrimination against gays, which they believe is immoral. But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor retorted that the law schools remained free to give students their own message that they oppose the military's policy toward gays. "And when they do it, your honor, the answer of the students is, 'We don't believe you,' " Rosenkranz said. Roberts pounced: "The reason they don't

believe you is because you're willing to take the money. What you're saying is this is a message we believe in strongly, but we don't believe in it to the detriment of \$100 million." The court did not rule right away, but the justices expressed little sympathy for the law

schools. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick baffled the Chinese diplomatic and linguistic establishment by his choice of words in a speech to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations back in September. According to the Wall Street Journal, Zoellick declared, "We need to urge China to become a responsible stakeholder" in the international scheme of

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently retired and moved to a small town in Washington, where I began attending the local church. Last Sunday, a new assistant pastor was introduced along with his wife, "Millie." Abby, Millie is the woman who broke up my marriage 10 years ago! It was so painful and ugly that I have never remarried. Millie, on the other hand, appears to have "erased" from her biography two previous marriages, countless affairs (my husband was one), and a short stint in prison for drugs. She is now -- and this is what irks me -- teaching marriage classes. She does not recognize me. The last 10 years have been hard on me. I put on weight and stopped coloring my hair, among other things. If Millie was just a member of the congregation, I could forgive her past sins. But Millie is lying to everyone -- maybe even her clueless husband. Should I stay quiet and watch this farce, inform the senior pastor, or drive 30 minutes to attend There's no doubt about it.) -- HATES HYPOCRITES IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HATES HYPOCRITES: Have you considered that Millie may have realized the error of her ways and found God in prison? It is also possible that her husband is aware of her past. As to her fitness to teach marriage classes -- one thing is certain, she knows firsthand where the pitfalls are. Rather than seeking revenge, it would be better for your own soul if you change churches. But before you go, walk up to Millie and introduce yourself. I'll bet she'll be surprised to see how the past has come full circle. Then go on and start living your life fully again, and that includes getting professional counseling so you can heal and learn to trust again, and enjoy your life to the maximum that it's possible.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 32-year-old woman who has recently enlisted in the Navy Reserves and would like to go into fulltime Navy. The problem is I'm still living with my mother. Mom is "difficult." She refuses to take care of herself and have yearly physicals, exercise, eat right, etc. She doesn't want to go out anywhere, socialize or do much beyond watch television. She was diagnosed with breast cancer a while back, but she has had treatment and is doing fine now. I don't want to feel guilty that I'm not taking care of my mother because she refuses to do things for herself and take care of her basic needs, when in reality she can. I want to have a life without having to worry about her all the time. I am taking the Navy one day at a time to make sure that going full-time is what I want. Have you any suggestions about what I should do? -- MY MOTHER'S KEEPER IN PENNSYLVANIA

another church? (And yes, I'm sure it's her. DEAR MOTHER'S KEEPER: You didn't mention whether your mother has always been this way or if she became this way after her cancer diagnosis, but her extreme dependency and passivity could be a sign of depression. (They could also be a technique that has always worked for her in manipulating people.) Your mother may need counseling, medication or both. And you need to live your own life. One way to ensure that would be to join the Navy. If you don't cut the umbilical cord now, you may never be able to.

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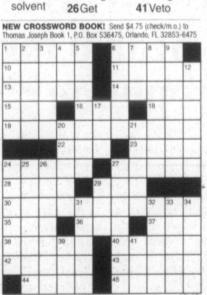
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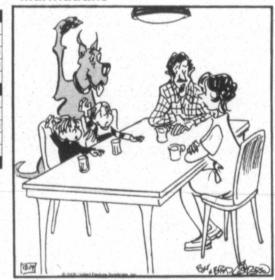
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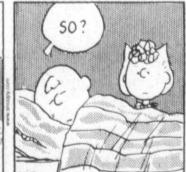
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reindeer games."

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Sports Day

WHY THEY PLAY THE GAME

A local sports anchor asked 'who cares' and the Texans answered

local television sports anchors much. I tune them in from time to time, and like you, have one that prefer over the others. When I do look in, it is usually because I am looking to get or confirm a score or other information. Or, as was the case Saturday night, the

wife made Michael J. me watch the news-Stevens cast so we could Sports

check Editor Lotto numbers. Hey,

what if we needed to call in 'rich' to work this morning? Always good to give as much notice

as possible. I was hopping between programs and the local channel the little woman uses to monitor her biweekly investment and happened to catch the news anchor handing off to the sports guy. He went through his usual dry, unemotional (unless it is golf) routine, bringing the segment back to the two-person shot of them a the desk. Then of course came the gratuitous babble between the two. Somehow they began talking about the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins game. Like most, the sports guy used words like 'important', 'big' and 'must win' to describe the game. News girl concurred. She then mentioned the Houston Texans - Arizona Cardinals game. Sports guy

"Who cares?" immediately went back to the cable shows I was Harvester's first game in a thinking to

gathered his papers from

the desk and did the trade-

mark anchor hold-and-tap,

rolled his eyes, shrugged

his shoulders and snorted,

Right or wrong, I don't it be funny of Dallas got its collective butt kicked and Houston plucked the Cardinals?"

Sunday proved conclusively why these teams, no matter what it looks like on paper, play the game. It also reminded me why I don't watch local television programming much.



rect. And if they are the only two I get right this week, that is OK with me.

Better late then never I want to thank first year coach Sonia VanGilder and the 2005 Harvesters Volleyball Team for the neat scrapbook. And it came autographed. I actually received the book some weeks ago, but have been remiss in offering thanks.

OK, gotta get it off my

If you are going to call and accuse me of ignoring the success of a Pampa area team or individual, make sure you have all your ducks in a row and know that I will admit to my failures but defend myself when I believe I am right.

"You haven't written anything about how good our boys basketball team is doing. You haven't included any pictures. I haven't seen anything about the team in a week."

I received this call Wednesday morning. Pampa defeated Borger just the night before. I think I wrote something about the game before and after.

was week. I beleive I mentioned myself as I did, "Wouldn't the break the week before.

Miller, Harvesters may be cruising under radar, and that's just fine

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

What Pampa did on the road at Lubbock Estacado Friday night should not be taken lightly. Nor should it be forgotten. But is anyone beyond the Harvester nation paying attention to what is going on here? It doesn't seem

All Miller and his team have managed to do is go 11-2 in a season opening stretch during which Pampa has played just one regular season game at home. What's more, this team could very easily be 13-0.

"We all feel like maybe we are just going along un-noticed and I kind of like that," said Miller.

That may have changed Friday night as Pampa defeated a highly regarded Lubbock Estacado club on the road, 57-56. With the win came a wealth of experience, maturity and confidence. Factors that should have all of District 3-4A at the very least, curious.

The Matadors had Pampa down early and again in the third quarter. But the Harvesters never gave up. Each time, Pampa would reach down and fight back. "These kids just refused to lose that game," said Coach Miller. "These kids do not like to lose and will do whatever it takes to win. That says a lot about them.'

Still, how big is a win like this to Miller and his Harvesters? Said Miller, "I told the kids this win can go a long way if we will let it." He added, "The one thing we keep hammering is that this will all pay off somewhere. Maybe at Randall, Caprock, Palo Duro, Dumas or Hereford."



Coach Dustin Miller with Braydon Barker (left) and Sharod Young Friday night.

Miller continued, "Sometime during the district season we will have tough games like these to fall back on and they (Pampa) will know they can win these games in a hostile environment."

The Harvesters will have little time to rest. Pampa is on the road again Tuesday night to meet the Bulldogs in Plainview.

They will then have a short break before yet another lengthy ride to the annual Milk Cow Tournament in Clovis, Dec. 29-30.

They will be home again Jan. 3 when Pampa hosts Amarillo High.

So far as Plainview is concerned, Miller knows it's yet another game on the schedule. "We are going to try to ride some of that energy and emotion of the Estacado game into Plainview," he said. "We want to look at this one game at a time. But at the same time we know it is a different team we are playing and may need to bring a different tool in our tool box to beat them with. Now we know we do have that tool to pull out to win a game like that against Estacado."

Little less than a month to go before district play begins. Where does Miller think his guys are so far as being ready? "Honestly I wish it started tomorrow. I think the kids think the same way," Miller said.

He notes that while his team has played just one home game, others like Caprock and Randall, both picked to finish ahead of Pampa, may have played more. Miller believes the gruelling road schedule will pay dividends come January.

He may be right.

Still, there are challenges to be met before Jan. 13. "Overall we are ready. But we are going to go try to win at Plainview, then enjoy five or six days away with our families," Miller said.

Game time Tuesday is 7:30 p.m.

Redskins surprise Cowboys, 35-7

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - Even Randy Thomas had a huge smile as he stood on crutches in the locker room, his broken right leg the only blemish on an otherwise perfect day for the Washington Redskins.

"How 'bout that win, baby?" Thomas said. "I probably won't sleep tonight knowing that we won."

For that matter, the victory was probably worth an all-night party, at least for Washington fans. Sunday's 35-7 rout of the Dallas Cowboys was the Redskins' most one-sided win in 45 years of games against their most hated rival.

The Redskins beat the Cowboys physically and mentally, from the moment Cornelius Griffin intercepted a tipped pass on Dallas' first play from scrimmage. Dallas coach Bill Parcells' offense allowed seven sacks, committed four turnovers and had four firsthalf false start penalties, and his defense let Washington H-back Chris Cooley roam wherever he pleased.

"They just outplayed us in every area," Parcells said tersely in a brief postgame news conference. "We had really no chance to win the game. ... We just lost our poise and played very, very poorly."

Washington's third straight victory left the Redskins (8-6) and Cowboys (8-6) two games behind the New York Giants in the NFC East, but the Redskins hold the tiebreaker because of their first Dallas sweep in 10 years. Washington's 8-2 conference record also helps in the jockeying for a wildcard berth as the franchise aims for its first playoff appearance since 1999.

"We've got a lot of Dallas fans, even in D.C.," Washington defensive end Renaldo Wynn said. "I've been here four years, and I've just been getting sick and tired of hearing about it, what they're going to do. So you don't even know how enjoyable it was for us to get this win and get a sweep."

Phillip Daniels had four sacks and a fumble recovery, Marcus Washington had two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble, Cooley caught three of Mark Brunell's four touchdown passes, and Clinton Portis ran for 112 yards.

Cooley was wide open on two of his TD catches - although Brunell made him dive for the first one - and the versatile back made three defenders look helpless in a 30-yard catch-and-run for his third score.

Portis got many of his yards behind night in Week 2.

the blocking of Thomas, who got his leg caught under another player on a running play in the fourth quarter and is out for the season. He will be replaced by 43-year-old Ray Brown, the oldest lineman in modern NFL his-

"I was trying to block downfield and thought I was flexible enough to get away with it," Thomas said. "But when I felt something crunch it, you know, it was snap, crackle, pop.

Dallas also had its right guard, Marco Rivera, carted off in the fourth quarter with a strained neck after he landed on his head during a running

He was to be re-evaluated overnight in a local hospital.

"He has movement and feeling," Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels

The score was 28-0 at halftime, with the Redskins scoring on drives of four, eight, two and two plays.

They capitalized off two interceptions, a bad punt and a long pass to Santana Moss that brought back memories of his two fourth-quarter touchdown catches in the stunning 14-13 win over the Cowboys on a Monday

CHL standings

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

	W	L	OIL	Pts	Gr	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	11	9	2	24	75	65
Youngstown	10	13	1	21	74	84
Fort Worth	8	13	3	19	63	89
Memphis	7	13	1	15	59	78
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Rio Grande Valley	13	10	1	27	85	79
Corpus Christi	11	11	1	23	69	69
Austin	9	12	2	20	61	84
Southwest Division						
	W	L	OT	L Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	13	8	3	29	74	69
Lubbock	12	11	1	25	69	68
Amarillo	9	10	2	20	67	72

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

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fans still unhappy

HOUSTON (AP) - Even when the Texans finally win, some of their fans are disappointed.

Houston broke a sixgame losing streak with a 30-19 win Sunday over injury-depleted Arizona, but the victory may jeopardize the Texans' chances of claiming the top pick in the NFL draft - perhaps Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, if he leaves Southern California.

Late in the fourth quarter, a sad-looking young man held up a homemade sign reading: "Bye Bye Bush."

The Texans (2-12), who have been accused of tanking games to get the top pick, didn't share his feelings.

"Reggie Bush is a tremendous athlete and I don't know if it's correct for me to say this or not, but I don't want him," Texans safety Jason Simmons said "If we get him it means we're the worst team in the league."

Houston now is tied with San Francisco for the worst record in the NFL. The Texans face San Francisco in their season finale on New Year's Day.

It would have been easy for Houston to give up against Arizona (4-10) after three straight humiliating losses. But the Texans said the losses strengthened their resolve to improve.

"We've gotten better and have become stronger because we've handled the disappointment of those losses in the right way," said Texans coach Dom Capers. "I think the true mark of a real man is how he picks himself up and battles back from adversity, and I think that is what you saw out of our team."

Despite win, Texans Mav's Armstrong find \$1,000 for microphone cheer

DALLAS Mavericks guard Darrell Armstrong was so happy his beloved Washington Redskins beat the Dallas Cowboys that he grabbed a microphone before Sunday night's game against the Minnesota Timberwolves and hollered, "How 'bout those Redskins!" It's going to cost him

\$1,000.

Dallas coach Avery Johnson announced the fine during his postgame news conference and team owner Mark Cuban later verified it was legit, much to the chagrin of a disbelieving Armstrong. The money will all go to charity, with Johnson saying Cowboys would decide the recipient.

The Redskins wrapped

up a 35-7 victory over the Cowboys shortly before the Mavericks left the locker room to play

Timberwolves. As part of the pregame ceremonies, guard Devin Harris wished the crowd a happy holiday. Armstrong, who wasn't scheduled to speak, asked for the microphone. He added his holiday wishes, then made his fine-inducing proclamation, a twist on a famous line by former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson.

A mixture of laughter and boos followed, even from German import Dirk Nowitzki. Cuban laughed, too, and joked with Armstrong about it when he returned to the bench.

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Assume responsibility this year, and you will see the benefits, perhaps not this year, but the next. You have an inner strength and sixth sense that carries you through your major decisions. You are in the last year of an 11-year cycle. Consider what you want to bring with you into the next luck cycle. Leave behind what isn't working. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, but especially through your work and community responsibilities. If you are attached, you will need to include your sweetie more often in your activities or thoughts if you want to maintain the quality of your relationship. VIRGO can burden you with their work and responsi-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Pace yourself and take an overview. You will want to understand another's point of view. You'll gain insight by walking in another's shoes. Be willing to take the high road. Your imagination takes you down a new path. Tonight: Reach out to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Deal with others directly, independently and individually. You'll discover just how much you can get done if you focus. Allow a partner to give you more support than in the past. Your effectiveness will be enhanced. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you'll have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others finally work with you

instead of giving you flak. What a relief, as you experience new beginnings in key relationships and associates. Seize the moment, or you might regret it later. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Pace yourself and take your time. You could be a bit overwhelmed by your holiday shopping or bills that lie ahead of you. Know when to toss your hands in the air and let others pitch in. Teamwork pushes you across the line. Tonight: Early bedtime

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** The time is right to let your imagination spin and take you in a new direction. The more input you get, the better the results will be. Ask others to brainstorm with you. Make the most of the moment. Tonight: Whatever you do, make it fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might want to think in terms of handling a situation differently. You need to keep basic priorities in mind. Think in terms of gain and growth. Convert your thinking and attitude, and life will change as a result. Tonight: Anchor in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Reach out to others. Express a different style of handling matters. Others will respond to you big-time. Encourage others to express themselves more easily. Laugh and be easygoing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Think in terms of gains and listen to what others have to say. You have a gift with finances that others cannot change. Be happy and forthright in your choices. Take a strong hand in creating more of what you want. Tonight: Work

late, possibly being one of Santa's elves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You are in prime shape right now. Your abilities to adapt and transform personally can be easily applied to a situation if you loosen up. Why not? Your intensity needs direction. Use it. Tonight: Don't stoop to a petty disagreement or behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Together you could relate more directly. One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. Someone could make a suggestion that forces you to step back and think. As a result, your thinking changes. Good for you! Tonight: With a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★ Simply go along with others, be it in a meeting or with a partner. Your voice, though strong, might not have the impact you would like. Know when to

hush up and listen. Your goals and friendships are subject to change. Tonight: Settle into an important talk. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might feel as if you are overwhelmed with all that you have to do. Those in charge are likely to change their minds. Go with the flow and be willing

to change your direction. Others respect

you more than you know. Tonight: In the

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, brushing aside bipartisan criticism in Congress, said today he approved spying on suspected terrorists without court orders because it was "a necessary part of my job to protect" Americans from attack.

The president said he would continue the program "for so long as the nation faces the continuing threat of an enemy that wants to kill American citizens," and added it included safeguards to protect civil liberties.

Bush bristled at a year-end news conference when asked whether there are any limits on presidential power in

"I just described limits on this particular program, and that's what's important for the American people to understand," Bush said.

Raising his voice, Bush challenged Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid and Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton without naming them — to allow a final vote on legislation renewing the anti-terror Patriot Act. "I want senators from New York or Los Angeles or Las Vegas to go home and explain why these cities are safer" without the extension, he said.

Reid represents Nevada;

the torrent of lies to the

contrary that the Bush administration

unleashed.

Clinton is a New York senator, and both helped block passage of the legislation in the Senate last week.

"In a war on terror we cannot afford to be without this law for a single moment," Bush said.

The legislation has cleared the House but Senate Democrats have blocked final passage and its prospects are uncertain in the final days of the congressional session.

On another issue, Bush acknowledged that a pre-war failure of American intelligence — claiming that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction

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'Where it is going to be most difficult to make the case is in the public arena," Bush said. "People will say, if we're trying to make the case on Iran, 'Well, if the intelligence failed in Iraq, therefore, how can we trust the intelligence on Iran?"

The news conference ran just shy of an hour. It was the latest in a series of events appearances outside Washington, meetings with members of Congress and an Oval Office address on Sunday night — in which the

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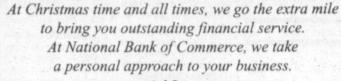
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has complicated the president has sought to quell United States' ability to con- criticism of the war in Iraq and reverse his months-long slide in the polls.

In opening news conference remarks, Bush said the warrantless spying, conducted by the National Security

Agency, was an essential element in the war on terror.

"It was a shameful act for someone to disclose this important program in a time of war. The fact that we're discussing this program is helping the enemy," he said.





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We committed what international law forbids - a war of aggression. And it is true that American invaders are, in effect, trying Saddam. The law and the courts were set up during the occupational government,

and the judges were trained by Americans. Saddam was arrested by Americans and is being held in prison by Americans. It will go down in history as an Americansponsored kangaroo court.

Nobody should misconstrue any of this as a claim that Saddam is not a killer and a thug. He most certainly is. He was known as the Butcher of Baghdad even in the days when the United States government supported him. The U.S. government has supported a lot of killers and thugs, and if it continues its imperialistic foreign policy, it will keep on doing so because our foreign policy completely lacks any morality.

The irony is that a two-bit dictator in a six-bit country has provided American politicians with the opportunity to forever soil America's reputation. We are now considered by most of the world as a rogue nation. Thus Saddam, as he steps up to the gallows, can take perverse pleasure in the fact that he was the cause, though inadvertently, of great and lasting damage to the United States.

Smalley

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stream to clean out his arteries, making intrusive heart surgery unnecessary. By looking at the smallest of things, Dr. Smalley made one of the biggest discoveries in recent histo-

He once wrote that when he was 18, he was "convinced that Kansas City, Missouri, was the exact center of the known universe." During his life, he changed the center of his universe by seeing the grandest possibilities in the world's most minute details.

Last October, Dr. Smalley died after a long battle with cancer. Now. we mourn the loss of his brilliant mind and great heart. We cannot replace his remarkable vision of the world. But, at the same time, we know that his discovery will continue to revolutionize science.

Roberts

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things. Well, sir, if that don't beat all, because the buzzword "stakeholder" doesn't translate into Chinese. Academics devoted tons of time to the translation effort. Our own state department offered this: "participants with related interests."

That's pretty lame.

Well, if "stakeholder" threw that kind of monkey wrench into the works, we can just imagine the multiple implosions a transcript of Texas political speaks would cause.

Can you imagine how long it would take Chinese translators to decipher the transcript of an Austin City Council meeting? How would you translate "Mayor, members of the council, I'm

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