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Pampa United Way falls short of goal by \$18,348

By DENNIS SPIES Editor

Pampa's United Way has fallen short of its goal and may have to reduce its allocations if an additional \$18,348 is not raised.

This year's goal was \$303,000. Pledges received so far total \$284,652, resulting in the \$18,348

Burglary

of truck

reported

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

the motor vehicle burglary, according to Lt. Joe B.

The incident was reported to the sheriff's office at about

1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Estimated value of the stereo

and amplifiers is between

\$400 and \$500, Hoard said.

investigation," Hoard said.

"The case is still under

No arrests have been made

in connection with the inci-

dent as of press time today.

Sheriff's Office.

A stereo and amplifiers were stolen from a company vehicle between 6 and 7 a.m. Wednesday at Carter Sand and Gravel, 410 W. Brown. The vehicle, a Kenworth, was unlocked at the time of

"The United Way board has voted

Jan. 1 as if we had reached our goal," Katrina Bigham, executive administrator of Pampa United Way, said today.

"However, if we do not receive the final \$18,348, we will have to reduce our allocations to the 17 nonprofit agencies for the next three quarters of payments.

"This can make a huge difference

to pay the first quarter allocation on to some of our smaller agencies that don't have the means to make up the difference in fund-raisers or most likely do without some services intended for clients."

> Bigham urged residents open their hearts and pocketbooks to help the United Way collect the additional funds needed for the goal.

> "You can pledge this year," she said, "but pay it in a time of your

"We have the convenience of bank draft or you can send a check. Donations can be mailed to Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066-2076.

"We really appreciate your consideration for helping those less fortunate in our community," she added. "Community matters. Catch the spirit."



Traffic accident

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Two people were transported by Guardian EMS Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center as a result of a vehicle accident which occurred at 2:43 p.m. Wednesday in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Pampa Police Department, Pampa Fire Department and the Precinct 2 constable also responded to the scene. The Mitsubishi Galant, above, and a Toyota were involved in the accident, which resulted in damage to the front ends of both vehicles.



Gun winner

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Jeff Cloud, left, of Pampa was the winner of a Kimber Warrior .45 semi-automatic handgun in a recent Pampa Peace Officers' Association fund-raiser. Bryan Maddux, second from left, of Pampa Pawn, handled the purchase and transfer of the firearm. Peace officers awarding the gun to Cloud are Pampa Police Department Officer Casey Ingersoll; Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge; PPD Officer Tobie Bias; and PPD Sgt. David Lee. Most of the \$1,600 raised in the giveaway was used to buy items for persons on the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The remaining funds will be used for association activities, Ingersoll said.

Hefley files for re-election to fourth term

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Precinct 4 Gray County Commissioner James Hefley has filed for re-election on the Republican ticket to a fourth term on the commissioners'

Hefley has served Precinct 4 as commissioner since he took office in January 1995. Precinct 4 includes the southeast quadrant of Gray County and the northeastern part of Pampa.

Recent accomplishments achieved by Hefley and other county commissioners include restoration of Gray County Courthouse and resurfacing the

McLean airport runway.

"It's well worth it," he said of the restoration. "We got our money's worth, and the courthouse will be functional for a long, long time."

The airstrip resurfacing at McLean airport was accomplished mainly with Texas Department of Transportation

"It's a great benefit for us in the southeast part of the county," Hefley said of the McLean airport. "Oil traffic is picking up, and hunting brings in several planes. It helps the economy."

Hefley sees a stronger economy in Gray County now than has prevailed in

recent years.

"I'm really optimistic about Gray County's economy right now," he said. 'We're dealing with a stronger economy than 10 years ago."

Hefley is a 1965 graduate of Briscoe High School and attended Oklahoma State University for three years. He served in the U.S. Army for two years, including a year in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant with the 101st Airborne Division.

Upon discharge from the Army, See HEFLEY, Page 3



Hefley

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fifteen traffic stops were made. One traffic stop in the 300 block of North Starkweather resulted in an arrest for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and a capias pro fine for theft by check less than \$20.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets, 18th and Dwight streets, Kentucky and Banks streets, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of South Cuyler.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Lincoln.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of Duncan and the 300 block of Anne, where a bicycle was

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1100 block

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of West Kingsmill. A civil matter was reported in the

900 block of South Faulkner. Warrant service was attempted at

two locations.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block of East Foster.

Theft of service was reported in the 300 block of South Somerville. Natural gas and water were stolen. Estimated value of loss is \$40.

Park, in the 800 block of South Municipal Drive. A pit bull puppy valued at \$30 was taken.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

A suspicious person call was

received from the 900 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Perry and the 700 block of North Davis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace. A citation was issued in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. No injuiries were reported.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today. Wednesday, Dec. 21

10 a.m. - A 2001 Ford Taurus, driven by Heather Renee Dills, 17,

2400 Navajo, and a 1998 Chevrolet Z71, driven by Bryan Davis Huddleston, 21, 2209 Sumner, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Banks streets. No injuries were reported. Dills was cited for failure to yield right of way - private drive.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Wednesday, Dec. 21

Brian Porter, 44, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Marcos Antonio Marquez, 22, of Theft was reported at Hobart Street Albuquerque was extradited from Albuquerque on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Becky Giddens Lasater, 51, 413 Powell, was arrested in the 300 block of North Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and a capias pro fine for

theft by check.

Alicia Jean Smith, 36, 617 Campbell, was arrested in the 700 block of Roberta by PPD for no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Dec. 21

10:01 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Banks and Kentucky on a vehicle accident.

12:45 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Huff and McCullough.

2:45 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart on a vehicle acci-

3:14 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a LifeStar stand-

5:27 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 500 block of East Foster on a smoke investigation.

9:15 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a rescue assist.

11:36 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of 18th and Dwight on a vehicle accident hazardous material spill.

Corrections

The first line of Marilyn Powers' column which was published in the Tuesday edition of The Pampa News was omitted from the column. The line was, "'Tis the season to be PC ...

Senate deals setback to efforts to allow drilling in Alaska

By H. JOSEF HEBERT Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -The long fight over whether to drill for oil in an Alaska wildlife refuge is nowhere near an end.

But attempts to open the refuge to oil development one of President Bush's top energy priorities - received another setback Wednesday as the Senate refused to include the drilling measure in a must-pass defense spending bill.

> Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., an ardent defender of the refuge who led anti-drilling

forces during the Senate debate, called Stevens' tactic "legislative blackmail"

and "trickery" that united Democrats on the issue. It was a huge victory for environmentalists

Senate Democrats who argued that drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would jeopardize the wild ecosystem that characterizes the refuge's coastal plain where polar bears, caribou, migratory birds and other wildlife thrive.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who has fought unsuccessfully for a quartercentury to open the plain to oil drilling, had hoped to garner enough votes to overcome a threatened filibuster by attaching the measure to the defense bill that included tens of billions of dollars for troops in Iraq and for vic-

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himself a few votes shy of getting his wish.

"This has been the saddest day of my life," Stevens said.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., an ardent defender of the refuge who led antidrilling forces during the debate, called Senate Stevens' tactic "legislative blackmail" and "trickery" that united Democrats on the

Republican leaders fell three votes short of

the 60 votes needed to break the filibuster threat and advance the defense spending bill to a final vote, forcing GOP leaders to temporarily withdraw the bill and take out the drilling provision.

The official vote 56-44, four because short, Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a supporter of drilling, voted with those opposing it so he

would have the right to ask the Senate to reconsider the issue in a second vote later.

Hours later, the Senate stripped the Alaska drilling language from the defense legislation, then passed the bill and sent it to the House, which was scheduled to reconvene Thursday after-

The House earlier had passed the defense spending bill with the Alaska drilling provision in it.

Before the vote, Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader, charged that the military was "being held hostage by this issue, Arctic drilling.

Obituaries

Maxine Jack, 85

Maxine Jack, 85, of Pampa, died Dec. 22, Pampa. 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 41. North-northwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 58. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

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Former football player Heiskell faces liver transplant in Houston

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A former football player for Pampa High School, the University of Houston and the St. Louis Cardinals is facing a liver transplant.

Ted Heiskell of Pampa is a 1967 graduate of Pampa High School and attended the University of Houston on a football scholarship, where he was a fullback/running back for the Cougars for four

He lacked 20 hours to get his degree when he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and decided to sign with the professional football team, he said.

double knee replacement ended his football days, however.

"I went to training camp," Heiskell said of the Cardinals. "They wanted to keep me on their Texas squad, but I could only draw half my salary."

The terror-fighting USA

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Patriot Act may have a new

Senate on Wednesday approved a six-month exten-

sion of the USA Patriot Act

to keep the anti-terror law

from expiring on Dec. 31.

President Bush gave it his

trolled House is now expect-

ed to come back and consider the legislation keeping the

16 provisions of the law

passed after the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington from expir-

Republican leaders and Bush wanted to make most

of the law permanent, but

were stymied by a filibuster in the Senate and had to

resort to a six-month exten-

that protects our rights and freedoms while preserving important tools for fighting terrorism," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who was

the only senator to vote against the original Patriot

White House press secre-

tary Scott McClellan on

Thursday accused Senate

Democrats of trying to score

political points and appease special interests, including

the American Civil Liberties Union, by blocking exten-

sion of the law. He said the temporary extension is a victory for the administration, even though it long said it would not approve anything but its permanent

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Democrats from killing the Patriot Act," McClellan

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He sold sporting goods and then began a career in the construction business.

Three years ago, Heiskell began having health problems which included rupturing of the blood vessels in the esophagus, causing him to throw up blood. He went to Baylor Hospital in Dallas and then to Houston. An evaluation in Houston six months ago revealed that Heiskell needs a liver trans-

"Right now, I'm number 19 out of 40 on the transplant list," Heiskell said. "I'm doing ozone treatments, and it helps a lot."

While he's waiting, Bad knees that required Heiskell decided to complete requirements to get a degree. He has enrolled at Clarendon College-Pampa Center to take computer classes, which weren't part of college curriculums in the '60s and

existing Patriot Act is still in

remain in place," he said,

adding that the administra-

tion would continue to work

Most of the Patriot Act -

which expanded the govern-

ment's surveillance and

prosecutorial powers against suspected terrorists, their

associates and financiers -

was made permanent when

Congress overwhelmingly

passed it after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New

to get the act reauthorized.

"These vital tools will

WASHINGTON (AP) — said. "We're pleased that the

place.'

kids off drugs," Heiskell said.

The cause of Heiskell's liver trouble has not yet been determined, but he suspects it may be because of substances he was exposed to in the petrochemical industry while working in the construction business.

One thing that was found during a physical exam was a dime, lodged in the bronchial tree of one of Heiskell's lungs.

The dime was removed, and Heiskell keeps it in a specimen jar. He joked that since the coin was extracted, he wasn't worth a dime any-

Heiskell, who is currently on Supplemental Security Income, has established a fund at FirstBank Southwest to help with his medical expenses. Donations may be made to the Ted Heiskell Medical Fund at FirstBank Southwest, P.O. Box 1181,

"Anything over \$2,000 goes to a trust fund of the American Liver

Foundation," Heiskell said. He plans to move to Houston next year in order to be close to Texas Medical Center, the hospital where

the transplant surgery will be performed. He will have to carry a pager so that he may be reached at all times in case a donor liver becomes

"I have two hours to get to the hospital from the time a donor is found," he said.

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Senate extends Patriot Act by 6 months York City and Washington.

rest of the Patriot Act powers, like the roving wiretaps which allow investigators to

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Hefley

Continued from Page 1

Hefley worked on his family's farm and ranch until 1973, when he married and moved to McLean with his wife, Charlotte. They have four daughters and a grandson.

Hefley has farmed and ranched 1,000 acres which he owns, plus other land which he leases, since moving to McLean. He and his wife are members of First Baptist Church of McLean.

He served 12 years on the McLean school board before becoming a county commissioner. He has also served in each office of the Panhandle County Judges Commissioners Association as president, vice president and treasur-

"My goal when I came in, and it still is, is to bring a conservative, commonsense approach to Gray government," Hefley said.

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Viewpoints

Big Brother takes a bite out of the Big Apple

Big Brother just belched like, say, TB or AIDS or themselves." and let out his belt again ... in New York. Thank goodness, he belched in the Big Apple and not here in Texas; however, our time is no doubt coming.

According to Associated Press story reported on last week by AP writer David B. Caruso, New York has mandated that all diabetics be listed and tracked in a formal database.

Why? Well, that is the question. It's not as if, as is a contagious disease that Hepatitis.

"Under a revised city code passed by the Board of Health," Caruso writes, "most medical laboratories in New York will be required an to electronically forward the results of thousands of blood-sugar tests to the city Health Department, which will then analyze the data to identify people having trouble controlling their dia-

"The city," Caruso Caruso points out, diabetes reports, "will occasionally use its database to prod diathreatens the public at-large betics to take better care of

Oh, I see, it's for the dia-

betics' own good. How benevolent of these

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News Editor

N e w Yorkers who live a n d breathe to decree, but who asked them?

Caruso reports that Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, New York's health czar, declared that "the program's potential to save thousands of lives outweighs what it gives up in medical

privacy."

How do these bureaucrats arrive at the arrogance and conceit to make such a unilateral deci-

> Newsflash Frieden: We are all going Unless

Second Coming arrives before your number is up, you are not making it out of this world any way but through the grave.

as someone famous once said, we are all born dying. Them's the facts. To deny reality is not going to change things

Americans are bombarded on every side as one branch or another of government sucks down more and more power, inching us ever closer to a carefully-controlled, micro-managed existence presided over by officials who assume we would all lead better lives if we had no autonomy to do as we

They justify themselves Pardon my frankness, but by saying it is all for the

please.

common good and will save dollars. But where are the savings? Because I don't see any. Health insurance continues to rise, and so do my

Are there no limits to the girth and breadth of government?

Perhaps I am prone to exaggeration, but it seems to me personal freedom in this country is fast becoming a thing of myth, like Camelot.

Have a very, merry Christmas, readers, and do, please, be safe. Happy birthday, Jesus!

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2005. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Time is the thief

McGinley

and author

(1905-1978)

vou cannot banish."

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied "Nuts!" when the Germans demanded that the Americans surrender.

On this date:

In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the

Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln: "I beg to — Phyllis present you as a Christmas gift the American poet city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial

triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1963, an official 30-day mourning period following the assassination of President Kennedy came to an end.

In 1984, New York City resident Bernhard Goetz shot four youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last

of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an

American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon. In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American

Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow Ten years ago: The Senate approved a wide-ranging

Republican plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system, 52-47, but without enough votes to override President Clinton's promised veto. Actress Butterfly McQueen, who'd played the scatterbrained slave Prissy in "Gone With the Wind,"

Five years ago: President-elect Bush chose John Ashcroft to be his attorney general. President Clinton granted Christmastime clemency to 62 people, including former U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, who'd been convicted of misuse of public funds. Madonna and film director Guy Ritchie wed in Scotland. Three armed robbers stormed into Stockholm's National Museum and made off with a Rembrandt self-portrait and two masterpieces by Renoir.



How to determine different extensions

Eric Spellmann's Column How many times have you received an e-mail message with an attachment from a friend only to find out you couldn't open it? Chances are, when you double-clicked on the attachment, you received a message saying something like, "Click the program you want to use to open ..." What does that mean?

Every file on your computer has, as part of it's name, a three-letter ending called an "extension" as in Filename.EXT

By default, Windows hides these extensions to prevent you from accidentally changing or deleting them. To see them, open any folder, pull down the Tools menu and choose Folder Options. Click the View tab and scroll through the list until you find the checkbox labeled, "Hide file extensions for known file types."

Make sure that box is unchecked. Hit the OK but-

Whenever you doubleclick on a file, Windows looks at a list of known

What's Your Extension? extensions and the programs my favorite Web sites has a Unfortunately, some proneeded to open them. If it finds a match, the appropriate program is automatically run. If it doesn't, you get a message like the one I mentioned earlier. A "file association"

is simply one Eric entry in that list, linking Spellmann an extension to a program.

Columnist A Little

History File extensions date back to the days of DOS (pre-Windows). Back then, filenames were limited to eight letters, a period, and then the three letter extension, or, as computer guys liked to call it, "eight-dot-three." When Windows came out, filename length limitations were eliminated. Now, you could create very long filenames, complete with spaces. However, the extensions

remained. Determining **Format**

If someone sends you a strange file, and you've never heard of it's extension before, don't worry. One of

list. Go to whatis.com. This site provides English definitions for most of today's techno-jargon. However, they also keep an up-to-date list of "Every File Format in

the World."

From their

homepage,

locate the

heading

"Check our

most popular fast references.' Underneath, you will find

the link for their file format list. It's sorted alphabetically by extension.

Some common extensions include DOC - Microsoft Word, XLS - Microsoft Excel, JPG - photograph, PDF - Acrobat file, and TXT - Text File. Hundreds of file extensions exist, and many more are created every month.

Typically, when you install a new program on your system, it automatically registers a new association (between the extension and the program). When you uninstall a program, it should remove the association.

grams, when installed, will change current associations without telling you, creating some weird results.

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Fixing a File Association

Ok, let's say you screwed up and accidentally created an incorrect file association. Is there a way to fix it? You bet. Just follow these simple

1. Single-click a file. 2. Hold the Shift key while right-clicking the file.

3. Select "Open With ... ' 4. Select a program.

Place a checkmark next to "Always use this program to open this type of file" if you want to permanently change its file association. Otherwise, this will be a one-time solution. 6. Click OK.

A Rule to Live By

Before you ever send someone a file attachment, make sure they have the appropriate program to view it with. For instance, if you want to send them a Microsoft Word document, make sure they have Microsoft Word installed on their system.

See you in Cyberspace!

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A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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San Antonio Express-News on the U.S. torture policy:

Everywhere she went on her recent trip to Europe, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice confronted the same two issues: torture and secret prisons.

Leaked reports from intelligence sources suggest the United States is subjecting terror detainees to treatment that, if not torture or inhumane, is at the very least cruel. Waterboarding, a technique that induces the overwhelming fear of drowning, is evidently one practice in use.

This method and others may have been conducted on detainees in secret prisons on European soil. Europeans are outraged.

The Bush administration is correct when it asserts that terror detainees do not fit neatly into the Geneva Conventions' rules for treatment of enemy combatants. They do, however, clearly fall under the Convention Against Torture, to which the United States is also a signatory.

The official U.S. interpretation of the convention is that it prohibits the use of any methods inconsistent with the treatment of U.S. citizens under the Fifth, Eighth and 14th amendments.

Rice tried to soothe European criticism by restating this official policy. The practical U.S. policy, however, is something else.

An internal investigation conducted by the CIA inspector general, leaked last month to the New York Times, concluded the United States was violating its torture convention obligations.

And the last time we checked, nei-

ther the FBI nor local police forces employ waterboarding.

If the United States is living up to its treaty obligations, as Rice said, then there is no need for secret prisons, no need for renditions and no need to keep detainees hidden from International Red Cross and U.N. inspectors.

The Bush administration can't have it both ways operating secret prisons and rendering detainees into custody where legal authority is fudged and also claiming to respect the convention

There's an easy way for the White House to clear up this ambiguity. It can drop its underhanded opposition to Sen. John McCain's anti-torture amendment to the defense appropriations bill and engage Congress and the public in a meaningful dialogue about what the United States will and won't do in the war on terror.

Sports Day

Fab 5 Football Picks: Stevens, Stokes tie as bowl games begin

Week 17 Games

BYU vs. California

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Central Florida vs. Nevada

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Atlanta @ Tampa Bay

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NY Giants @ Washington

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New England @ NY Jets

Buffalo @ Cincinnati

Jacksonville @ Houston

Pittsburgh @ Cleveland

Chicago @ Green Bay

Minnesota @ Baltimore

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San Francisco @ St. Louis



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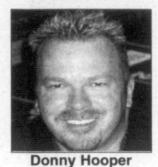
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LEINART REINSTATED

Like there was really a chance he wouldn't play

Stevens

Sports

Editor

The NCAA reinstated USC quarterback Matt Leinart's eligibility, clearing the way for him to take his place under center when his top-ranked Trojans face Texas for the national championship in the Rose Bowl.

Leinart's woes began after he appeared in one of those funny little ESPN promos. I do like the ones that feature LeBron James. I had no idea the kid was

that funny. The Danica Patrick promo was great the first time or two I saw it, but had Michael J already grown old.

Leinart appeared in a promo recorded shortly after Southern Cal defeated UCLA. For college student athletes to make such appearances apparently violates some sort of NCAA rule. What's more, it was the

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school itself that declared Leinart ineligible. Said USC sports information director Tim Tessalone, "Whenever we are aware that media outlets ask student-athletes to do these kinds of tags we immediately cut them off."

I question the rule as much as I question how serious the school was about the so-called action it took.

This whole thing brings us back to compensation for the college student athlete. I do not understand how a school and its governing body can suggest a young man or woman cannot do anything to supplement his or her income by taking advantage of such opportunities. The school and the NCAA certainly take advantage of them, do they not?

I can almost guarantee you the success of USC, due in part to Matt Leinart, has translated into enrollment and alumni dollars. Media revenue and corporate "support" provide extra income for the school as well as the NCAA.

So what gives these institutions the right to say "you can't do that" to these kids, but use them to promote a school or the NCAA? You cannot practice a double standard and not expect backlash at some point.

While coaches and even some athletic directors are signing huge contracts - filled with perks and incentives - the people who put the product on the field

and floor are told they cannot reap the benefits of their performance.

Where one is exploited for the financial gain of another is known by another name, is it not? "But they are given scholarships while many students are left to pay their own way." Yes, but look at the courses the student athlete takes. Some

often sound made up to me. My favorite is "Mass Communications". I have said it before, I laugh each time I hear this. What is it? I equate it to a default course of study. Something to kill time until the professional payday comes along. If you are going to offer scholarships, make them count. Make the scholarship contingent on the course of study. Reward the student athlete for his or her skills but help them by requiring them to learn something while they attend your school.

Don't think for one moment there was any chance Matt Leinart was not going to play in the Rose Bowl. What USC did was appease the NCAA, though it still looked silly. It was sort of like two boxers going after each other during a prefight press conference. It looks good on camera, but they all probably gather somewhere later and laugh about it.



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Son of Colts' coach Tony Dungy found dead in Florida apartment

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — James Dungy, the 18-yearold son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, was found dead in a Tampaarea apartment, police said Thursday.

No foul play is suspected, but a cause of death won't announced pending an autopsy, said Vida Morgan, secretary in Hillsborough County sher-

iff's office. James Dungy's girlfriend found him when she returned to the Campus Lodge Apartments in Lutz, Fla., the sheriff's office said in a news release on its Web site. Police responded at 1:32 a.m. Thursday and performed CPR on Dungy before he was taken to Community University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Tony Dungy has left the Colts and is in Tampa, according to NFL.com.

The Colts (13-1) are at on Saturday; Seattle Indianapolis lost its first game Sunday against the San Diego visiting Chargers, ending what had been a perfect season.

The coach and his wife, Lauren, have four other children: daughters Tiara and Jade and sons Eric and Jordan. James, their secondoldest child, was taking extension classes at the University of South Florida, Morgan said.

James Dungy spent his senior year at North Central High School in Indianapolis and graduated this year. C.E. Quandt, the school's principal, said Dungy was a personable student who never flaunted his father's

"He just came in and tried to blend in and be a student," Quandt said. "I liked James a lot."

Quandt said Dungy visited North Central a week or two ago to pick up a transcript. He said the death surprised and saddened everyone at the school.

"It kind of diminishes our school family," he said.

James stood 6-foot-7 and was sometimes was mistaken for one of his father's players, The Indianapolis Star reported on its Web site. James and his younger brother, Eric, sometimes watched Colts games from the sidelines, but they had to earn it by doing well in school.

Fans posted prayers and messages of support for Dungy, who also coached the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Colts fan Web site.

"Not only was he a great football coach for the Bucs, but he is an even better per-

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on a message board on a son," one Tampa Bay fan wrote. "It makes me sick that it happened at this time of year to a person that is so giving and caring."





2005-06 NCAA bowl schedule

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All Times EST Tuesday, Dec. 20 **New Orleans Bowl** At Lafayette, La. Payout: \$750,000 Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19

Wednesday, Dec. 21 **GMAC Bowl** Mobile, Ala. Payout: \$750,000 Toledo 45, UTEP 13

Thursday, Dec. 22 Las Vegas Bowl Payout: \$750,000 BYU (6-5) vs. California (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Poinsettia Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$750,000 Colorado State (6-5) vs. Navy (7-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl Payout: \$750,000 Houston (6-5) vs. Kansas (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$750,000 UCF (8-4) vs. Nevada (8-3). 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Magnolia Gridiron All-Star Classic At Jackson, Miss. Noon

Monday, Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl At Detroit Payout: \$750,000 Akron (7-5) vs. Memphis (6-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 27 Champs Sports Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Payout: \$862,500 Clemson (7-4) vs. Colorado (7-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Insight Bowl At Phoenix Payout: \$750,000 Arizona State (6-5) vs. Rutgers (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 28 MPC Computers Bowl At Boise, Idaho Payout: \$750,000 Boise State (9-3) vs. Boston College (8-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl At San Antonio

Payout: \$1.65 million Michigan (7-4) vs. Nebraska (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Dec. 29 **Emerald Bowl** At San Francisco

Payout: \$750,000 Utah (6-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$2 million Oregon (10-1) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn Payout: \$780,000 Virginia (6-5) vs. Minnesota (7-4), Noon (ESPN) Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Payout: \$1,575,000 Northwestern (7-4) vs. UCLA

(CBS) p.m. Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Payout: \$1.2 million Missouri (6-5) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Peach Bowl At Atlanta Payout: \$2.35 million Miami (9-2) vs. LSU (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31 Meineke Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Payout: \$750,000 South Florida (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (6-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2) Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn. Payout: \$1.5 million Fresno State (8-4) vs. Tulsa (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN) **Houston Bowl** Payout: \$1.2 million TCU (10-1) vs. Iowa State (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Jan. 2 Cotton Bowl At Dallas Payout: \$3 million Alabama (9-2) vs. Texas Tech (9-2), 11 a.m. (FOX) **Outback Bowl** At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$2.85 million lowa (7-4) vs. Florida (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Payout: \$1.6 million Virginia Tech (10-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC) Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Payout: \$5.312 million Wisconsin (9-3) vs. Auburn (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC) Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. Payout: \$14-17 million Ohio State (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 5 p.m. (ABC) Sugar Bowl At Atlanta Payout: \$14-17 million Georgia (10-2) vs.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 **Orange Bowl** At Miami Payout: \$14-17 million Penn State (10-1) vs. Florida State (8-4), 8 p.m. (ABC)

(10-1), 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Payout: \$14,998,000 Texas (12-0) vs. Southern Cal (12-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 14 Las Vegas All-American Classic 9:30 p.m. (CSTV)

Saturday, Jan. 21 **East-West Shrine Classic** At San Antonio 4 p.m. (ESPN2) Hula Bowl At Honolulu 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 28 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala 4 p.m. (ESPN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

USC on a roll under Floyd

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southern California answered coach Tim Floyd's doubts with another win. After an 0-2 start under the firstyear coach, the Trojans have won eight straight, including a 74-59 victory over No. 17 North Carolina on Wednesday night.

Season-opening losses to Oral Roberts and Cal State Northridge seem a long time ago for the Trojans (8-2), who beat the defending national champions for their first win over a ranked team since March 2004.

"We've grown up a lot since the first couple games of the year," Floyd said. "I wasn't sure if we could handle the test tonight."

Lodrick Stewart and Nick Young each had 18 points for Southern California, which started the second half with an 11-4 run that was capped by a fallaway 3-pointer by Young that made it 41-39 with 15:23 left. That was the Trojans' first lead since early in the first half.

"They were the aggressors," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "They got every loose ball. They were smarter. They were coached better."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 1 Duke 70, St. John's 57; No. 6 Illinois 82, Missouri 50; No. 10 Michigan State 98, Wisconsin-Green Bay 69; No. 11 Louisville 78, College of Charleston 63; No. 12 UCLA 74, Wagner 72; and No. 20 Nevada 68, Georgia 62.

Stewart made consecutive 3s to give USC a 52-47 lead with 10:29 to play. He later scored on a layup to cap a 17-4 run that put the Trojans up 63-51.

"Two weeks ago, Stewart couldn't have done this," Floyd said. "Tonight, he rebounded, really defended and had

the poise to take good shots."

David Noel led North Carolina (6-2) with 19 points and freshman Tyler Hansbrough had 16. North Carolina's other loss was to Illinois on Nov. 29 in a rematch of the Tar Heels' victory in last season's national championship game. That was North Carolina's only other road game this season.

"It was a total breakdown for us at both ends of the court," Williams said. No. 1 Duke 70, St. John's 57

J.J. Redick scored 18 points and the Blue Devils (11-0) pulled away in the second half. Freshman Josh McRoberts tied a season high with 12 points, Sean Dockery also had 12 and Shelden Williams added 11 points and 10 rebounds for Duke, which took control with a 26-7 run spanning halftime that made it 60-37.

Aaron Spears led the visiting Red Storm (5-4) with 14 points.

No. 6 Illinois 82, Missouri 50

Dee Brown and James Augustine, the only returning starters from Illinois' national runner-up last season, led the Illini (12-0) in their first visit to St. Louis since they lost the title game to North Carolina.

Brown had 17 points, seven assists and two steals, while Augustine had 12 points and eight rebounds in the most lopsided game in the 25-year history of the neutral-court "Braggin' Rights"

Jimmy McKinney had 11 points for the Tigers (4-4), who have lost six straight in the series.

No. 10 Michigan St. 98, Wis.-Green Bay 69

At Green Bay, Shannon Brown scored 26 points and Maurice Ager and Paul Davis each added 25 as the Spartans (10-2) won their ninth

Ryan Evanochko had 18 points for the Phoenix (4-7), who trailed 44-35 at halftime.

No. 11 Louisville 78, Coll. of Charleston 63

Terrence Williams scored 16 points and MVP Brandon Jenkins added 13 as the Cardinals (8-1) won the Billy Minardi Classic for the fourth time in as many years of hosting the four-team tournament.

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Dontaye Draper had 16 points for the Cougars (4-4), who were within 46-42 when Louisville went on a 21-6

No. 12 UCLA 74, Wagner 72

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute scored from underneath with 14 seconds remaining for the Bruins (9-1), who are off to their best start in eight years. The win was the sixth straight for UCLA and its ninth consecutive victory at Pauley Pavilion.

Mark Porter had 19 points for Wagner (6-2), off to its best start since the 1979-80 season. Porter was unable to get off a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Seahawks, who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Arron Afflalo had 13 points for UCLA and Mbah a Moute finished with six points and seven rebounds. The Bruins won despite going 1-of-13 from 3-point range and 9-of-18 from the free-throw line.

No. 20 Nevada 68, Georgia 62

Nick Fazekas had 20 points and 13 rebounds and Mo Charlo added 17 points and five assists for the Wolf Pack (8-1), who are 32-4 at home during the past three seasons. They went 22-of-32 from the free-throw line compared to just 4-of-11 for Georgia.

Reserve Younes Indrissi scored a career-high 16 points for the Bulldogs

Arkansas 78, Texas Tech 65

a freshman banking on a halftime buzzer-beater from sure looked right at home in their return to Dallas.

Jonathan Modica scored 15 points and Dontell Jefferson added a seasonhigh 14, helping the Razorbacks overcome an off game from Ronnie Brewer to beat Texas Tech 78-65 Wednesday night.

The Razorbacks (9-2) won their seventh straight and upped their winning streak in Dallas to 19 in a row — even if it has been 11 years since they visited

"I'd love to come back,"

said coach Stan Heath. While American Airlines Center didn't turn into "Barnhill South," Reunion Arena used to during the old Southwest Conference tournament, the Hog calls certainly were heard from the crowd of 14,280.

'There were a lot of Arkansas fans here and it showed," said Brewer, who scored a season-low 12 points. "It really helped us

DALLAS (AP) — From out. It was almost like playing a home game."

Technically, it was a beyond halfcourt to a late home game for Tech (6-6) steal that turned into a as it tried to cater to its momentum-shifting dunk, largest alumni base for a the Arkansas Razorbacks third straight year. The Red Raiders fell to 1-2 in this holiday season showcase.

Jay Jackson scored 19 points and Darryl Dora had 12, but the Red Raiders lost their second straight game and fourth in their last five.

"We had way too many turnovers," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "It was a huge difference in the game."

Arkansas scored the game's first eight points and led by as many as 11 in the first half. Tech rode a scoring burst by Jackson to go ahead by two, but the Razorbacks regained the lead on about a 55-foot bank shot by freshman Sean McCurdy at the end of the first half. They never trailed again. "I thought it was the key play of the game," Jefferson said.

Tech had a chance to get within three with about 4:30 left when Jackson drove for a layup. But Eric Ferguson stripped the ball, then threw a perfect alleyoop pass to Jefferson for a momentum-shifting dunk that put Arkansas ahead 65-58. After a timeout by the Red Raiders, Jefferson scored again and the lead was Razorbacks' secure.

"The mark of a good team is if you bend a little but don't break. That's what Arkansas did," Knight said. "We have a tendency to get ourselves in a bind. We get nine, 10 or 11 points behind, then we have to dig our way out of it."

Only one brother act in Pro Bowl this year

There will be only one brother act in the Pro Bowl this season: the Barbers.

The Mannings? Only Peyton made it.

Manning was one of an NFL-high seven Indianapolis Colts who made the group of 42 players from each confer-

The seven Pro Bowlers befit the Colts' 13-1 record. San Diego, which handed Indianapolis its first loss last Sunday,

Chicago and Atlanta led the NFC with six selections each, while the Giants and Seattle had five apiece in the selections for the Feb. 12 game in Honolulu.

Four teams had no players chosen — Cleveland and Tennessee in the AFC, San Francisco and Green Bay in the

This will be the second straight year in Hawaii for the Barber twins, Tiki, the Giants' running back and Ronde, the Tampa Bay cornerback.

Williams stays put; Ponson to St. Louis

NEW YORK (AP) with the New York Yankees, agreeing to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract that allows him to earn an additional \$1.5 million in performance bonuses. Williams' agreement was

confirmed by two people familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity.

reduced role as a designated performance bonuses. hitter and backup outfielder. New York reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a contract with Johnny Damon, who becomes the starting center fielder. A five-time All-Star and

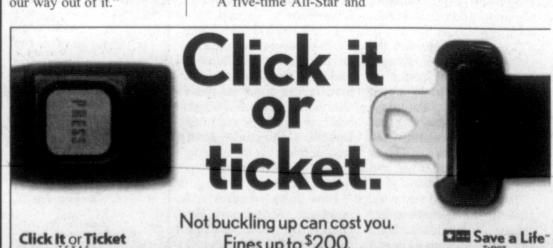
four-time Gold Glove win-Bernie Williams is staying ner, Williams hit .249 with 12 homers and 64 RBIs last season.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pitcher Sidney Ponson agreed to a one-year contract with the St. Louis Cardinals, three months after the Baltimore Orioles voided the pitcher's contract and released him. The agreement calls for a

Williams, coming off an \$1 million base salary and \$87.5 million, seven-year allows Ponson to earn an contract, will have as additional \$1.5 million in

Ponson was arrested Aug. 25 and charged with driving under the influence and driving while impaired. He served a five-day jail sentence last week for driving while impaired.





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responsibility than you want. You could

be stressed out, or you could step up to

the plate. Learning to say yes or no when

it is appropriate separates you from oth-

ers. People admire you for how you han-

dle yourself. You will get more of what

you want as a result. In fact, you are very

lucky this year as far as achieving your

goals. You can make what you want a

reality. If you are single, you'll meet

someone through your extremely high-

profile life. If you are attached, you will

want to do more as a couple. Sharing

breeds greater closeness. LIBRA likes

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

*** You might feel very pressured

by what is happening, though friends try

to be helpful. Keep your eyes open and

don't lose sight of your immediate objec-

tives. Others want to participate, and

they let you know it. Tonight: Your pop-

*** You might need to use your imag-

ination to clear out some last-minute

projects or errands. A boss, older friend

or relative does his or her best to make

life easy for you. Think positively. A trip

could be in the offing. Tonight: Finish up

**** Your spirit and happiness

express a childlike quality that endears

being out and about with you.

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you to many. Let the spirit permeate

through you as if you were a kid. A dear

friend or loved one could be testy.

Remember, many people have a difficult

time with the holidays. Tonight: Go car-

*** As usual, the Moon Child does

everything he or she can to make others happy and comfortable. Others seek you

out. Don't forget that special person in

your life. Schedule some time alone in

the next few days. Tonight: Invite others

*** You feel pressured by people

and what you need to do. As a result, you

could be racing around. Why not take

some time for a special hello to those you

never really talk to on a personal level?

Don't expect to slow down. Tonight:

★★★ You could be taken aback by last-

minute expenses. You might have

planned well, but some unexpected item

might cost more than you'd originally

anticipated. Use your creativity to make

up the difference. Tonight: Finish wrap-

★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds a

glamorous element to your magnetism.

Allow your love of life to emerge with a

friend or loved one. You might want to sit

on Santa's lap and let the child in you

** Stop fretting and start relaxing. If

you can take today off or do something

special for yourself, do so. Sometimes

the energetic Scorpion can get tired. A

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

over for cheer and eggnog.

Only fatigue can stop you.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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DEAR LOSING FAITH: The truth is, there are no guarantees that ANYONE (male or female) will land a mate. It isn't easy these days because people are commitment-phobic. And this applies to individuals at all economic and educational levels, not just you at the top. Pairing off is often a matter of luck and timing -- being in the right place at the right time. Eligible members of both sexes can be found in places of common interest -- places that are intellectually rewarding, culturally stimulating, athletically challenging or financially advantageous. As to whether you should downgrade your job level in order to appear less "threatening," I guarantee that if you don't take financial care of yourselves while you can, you will regret it later. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, you could fool some of the bachelors some of the time, but you couldn't fool all of them all of the time.

There are worse things than not finding Prince Charming, and one of them is spending your life pretending to be something you're not. So my advice is to stop reading defeatist newspaper and magazine articles. They'll only make you desperate, clingy and depressed -- and none of those traits is attractive to either sex.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently had a baby. We chose a mature, Christian couple to be our child's godparents. However, my brother-in-law is infuriated over the fact that he's not the godparent. He has disowned my husband and wants nothing to do with us. Behavior such as this in the past is part of the reason he wasn't chosen. However, I need to know this: Did we have an obligation to choose him as a godparent? How should we handle his immaturity and controlling behavior? - NEEDS TO KNOW IN OHIO

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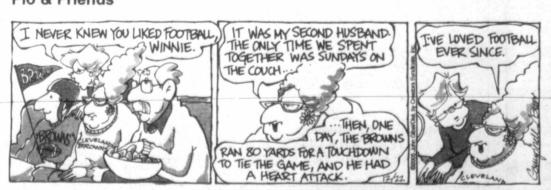


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